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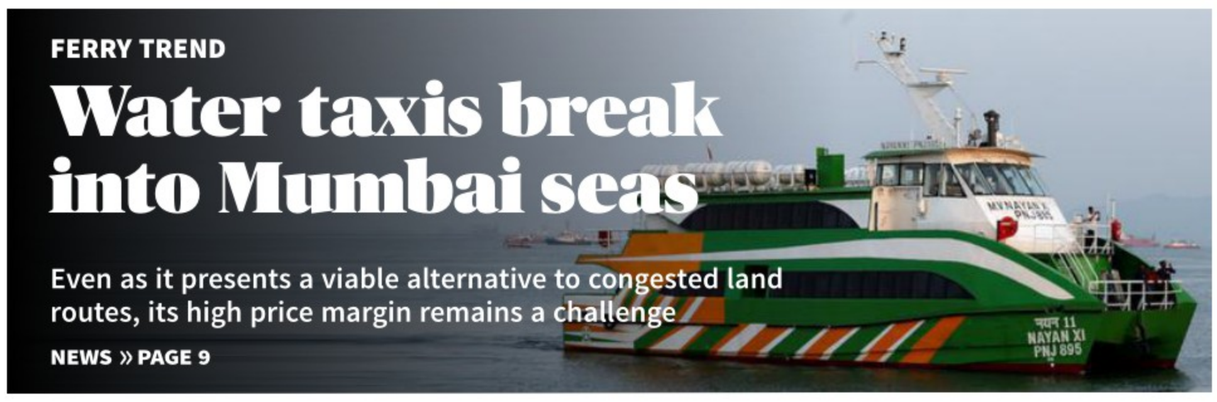

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MBBS in Hindi lost in transliteration?

Doctors, students, hospitals raise concerns about viability of programme and employability of students from bilingual stream in Madhya Pradesh

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Transliterated medical textbooks, bilingual classes without separate language-based batches or faculty, and the choice of taking exams in Hindi or English – these are the main features of the new MBBS course being offered in Hindi, with the first batch of students set to begin their classes in Madhya Pradesh this coming week.

However, a number of stakeholders in the medical community have questioned the long-term viability of the system, and the employability of doctors who have studied this primarily English language syllabus in transliteration. In the first phase, transliterated books in three subjects – anatomy, medical biochemistry and physiology – will be offered to students.

This means that the text will be in English language written in the Devanagiri script rather than translated into Hindi.

Madhya Pradesh is the first State to have issued these books and the first to offer the programme. "There will be no language-based segregation of students or faculty. Students studying in Hindi and English will share classroom and teachers," said Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishvas Kailash Sarang.

Taking the lead: Madhya Pradesh is the first State to offer the programme. A.M. FARUQUI

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Voters in Himachal brave cold, snow to record 73.6% polling

Making it count: Voters wait to cast their votes for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election at a polling station in Jalot village. PTI

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Polling concluded peacefully for the Assembly election in Himachal Pradesh on Saturday, with the hill State recording a voter turnout of 73.64%, as per provisional data at 11.30 p.m. The State had recorded a 75.57% turnout in the 2017 election.

From the State capital, Shimla, to the icy heights of Spiti, people across the State voted braving cold and, in the higher reaches of mountains, trudging through snow to elect a new government.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Maneesh Garg said the polling process was peaceful in all the 68 Assembly constituencies.

"Even in the snow-covered areas, people came out in large numbers with full zeal and enthusiasm," Mr. Garg said.

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Terminal 2 of KIA to start operations in two months

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The newly inaugurated Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) will become operational in one-and-a-half or two months time, said BIAL MD and CEO Hari Marar.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday during a guided walkthrough of Terminal 2, Mr. Marar said a few more processes had to be carried out before the terminal was thrown open for operations.

"Terminal 2 has been inaugurated by the Prime Minister, but there are a few more processes that need to be done which include a couple of more trials. And as the terminal is a secured area, security sweep has to be done. Roughly in one-and-a-half, two months, we will operationalise Terminal 2," he said.

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'Statue politics' continues

BENGALURU
A day after the Prime Minister unveiled the statue of Kempe Gowda, apparently with an eye to woo the Vokkaliga community, the BJP and the Opposition JD(S) and Congress continued to bicker around the issue of "politicising" the image of the city's founder with an eye on polls. » Page 4

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Busy day ahead: Small growers trekking up the hills with their produce from remote tribal hamlets near the Araku Valley, 130 km from Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh. The Friday shandy is key to buying and selling of goods here, as there are no daily markets.

To market, at Araku

For the tribal people of the picturesque valley in Andhra Pradesh, the Friday shandy is a place to sell their farm produce and shop for groceries and textiles

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Come Friday, people of the tribal region of Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh get busy. Trekking through the misty hill regions of the Eastern Ghats, the tribespeople start their long journey to the Araku shandy, the largest weekly marketplace of the region, with their farm produce

With winter setting in and temperatures dipping below 12 degrees Celsius, the tribal farmers brave the morning cold by covering themselves with an extra layer of clothes and woollen wear as they take the vegetables and fruits to the shandy. Some travel in autorickshaws loaded with the produce from remote corners of the valley. A reasonably good yield of sweet potato, radish and paddy, thanks to the favourable weather recently, has brought some cheer to them.

At the shandy, it is a riot of colour. The season's fresh produce dot every nook and corner. Radish, carrot and raw banana occupy a lion's share of the produce this winter. Farmers also bring sweet potato and paddy. In the absence of daily markets in these remote regions, the forest-dwellers depend on the shandy for the sale of other local produce too, such as *adda* leaves and firewood. In some shandies, a barter system is practised.

Textiles, groceries and rip-off of major brands of cosmetics also find a place here. While the shandy serves as a tiny economic hub, it is also a space for social and cultural interaction.

After a long day at the shandy, elderly tribal women can be seen sitting together to enjoy a drink of toddy before calling it a day and heading back home.

Making a deal: A buyer negotiating the price for poultry.

Straight from the farm: Women wait with fresh vegetables in baskets.

Forest produce: Adda leaves (*Bauhinia*) stacked for sale.

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BANGALORE SETTLED viswakarma (Kerala) 37,6ft,Karthika,IT engineer, divorcee parted at time of marriage,seek suitable bride(hindu), caste language no bar 7259206707

HINDU TAMIL 29/5ft 10inch, GM of Sportswear co, Bangalore 22L/PA. Affluent family seeks well qualified girl. Language/CNB 6366467911

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TAMILNADU–BASED SECOND divorcee boy born in 1964, seeking girl preferably non–working without kids, who should be focused and escalate, loyal to stay Long. Caste and language are no bar. Ct: 63857 54610

ENGLISH

33 YEARS old doctor –in TN govt service seeking a bride in saiva pillai. Groom"s natchathiram –kettai.– contact –09486334687 , 08122795463

HINDI

1985/175CM. IT. 30 Lakhs PA. Chennai. Father Doctor. Seeks well educated bride. WhatsApp: 96290 12248

MALAYALAM

Well Settled Boy 37 MBA Chadayam Working in MNC Software seeks Alliance from reputed Nair Girls. Brokers Excuse.Ct:98945-46059, 98947-48077

UPPER MIDDLE class Nair boy 30-172, Canadian PR, Trivandrum 9446085846

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MADHWA DESISTHA Marathi speaking 32/ Gautama/ Krithika/ Microsoft, BGL, 12L p.a.Ct: 7395892485

TAMIL

HINDU SC AD 40/165 B.Com PGDM Govt Bank Chennai 9L PA Seeks Bride from Any Subsect/Caste NoBar 9884030032

✔ **PILLAI /** 29 / Karthigai / 166cm / B.E / Working in MNC Chennai Seeks Graduate Employed Bride 9381036530

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SC MAGARAM, Uthiradam, age 41, Fresher BE, private company 45000/ pm own house Contact: 9843753844

HINDU NADAR 26, 172cm, BE, Income 5,00,000/–PM. Own Business in London Seeks Suitable Bride – 93807 91999

MUDALIAR (CNB) 29/Handsome BE,MS (USA) Program Manager, APPLE, USA, 200000 USD PA, Only son Elite Family Seeks Bride Abroad/India 8939012419

(MUDALIAR + Chettiar) : 29 /Handsome, MBBS, Preparing for PG, Chennai, Elite Family – Seeks Bride Caste No Bar, Doctor / Eng – 7904843375

VISWAKARMA, 34 Yrs, B.Tech., MS, Mirugashirisham, Rishabam, 24L per annum seeks suitable bride. Contact: +91 8825530897

HINDU NADAR 38/185, M.Tech (IIT Madras), Principal Engineer (Chip Design) in an MNC in Bangalore, eggetarian, star: Kettai, seeks educated, unmarried suitable bride (30–35 yrs), Caste No Bar, Ct: 9840117920.

SAIVA PILLAI, MSC MBA 4Lakhs/ Monthly Company Owner 10 Crores Property only son 173cm Visagam 46yrs unmarried CNB. 9841553677 W

59, FAIR, Clean – Habits, Own House Seeking Widow / Divorcee. Contact : 7401489892

REMARRIAGE DKV 31 SWE Malaysia Puratathi Meenam OwnHouse Chennai Seeks Bride Age Below 30.(Hindu / Christian/working /Non–Working) 9444807156

CASTE NO BAR 39/168 PILLAI M.Tech(CSE) SWE MNC Chennai 18 Lakhs Aswini Star seeks suitable bride. Mobile: 9841151575/ sthirumagal@yahoo.com

IIT6'2 Handsome Mudaliar Boy born in Nov 91 Technical lead Top MNC in Hyderabad Sal 60> lacs seeks Engineer/CA/Doctor 5 .4' Ct : 7382620365.

MUDALIYAR 54/165 B.Tech/ LLB(Hons) Divorcee Well settled Chennai based Seeks Suitable Bride. 8608728903

RC NADAR, 27, BE., MS., KK Dist working in Canada seeks Bride studying or working in Canada. 9865088605

SC AD 30/B.E [EEE] C. Govt.Job,[S. Railway–Elec. Engr.)80,000p.m. Seeks Bride. Govt. Or Pvt. Ct:7397674481

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HINDU/ TAMIL Dhivakar 28/170MBA, Lingesh 25/175 LLM, Two sons working Chennai own house, well suitable bride. India/Abroad CNB CT 8825420193

ELITE MUDALIYAR 28yrs B.E., M.S., (Own Colleges, Automobile Spares Manufacturing Industries) Seeks Rich Bride. Ct: 72002 61495

HINDU NADAR 30/MS(Engg)/174/66 kgs/ 90 Lacs PA/Fair Good looking Teetotaller/Dhanush Uthradam/Area Manager in Amazon Inc Canada.Looking for Good Looking Hindu Nadar Girl Ct:9497408245

✔ **PILLAI(KARUNEEGAR),** 30, BE, Veg, Job: MNC (Software) in Chennai, Annual Income: 14 lakhs. Seeking a suitable bride from the same community or any other community. Phone: 9841784047 Email: pingme.arul@gmail.com.

MUDALIAR ANUSHAM 35/180 Fair, MBA, Manager, MNC, Bglr, Divorcee, well educated family. Seeks Graduate employed bride. Cont:9500934581

THULUVA VELALAR,APR 1983,BE,Software Professional seeks educated, employed bride.9442112385

AGAMUDAIYAR 38 MBA MSc IT Consultant seeks Bride from OBC shunmugavalli@gmail.com Mob – 9444865135

VANNIYAR, 36/168CM, BE, 1.3Lac, Visagam 4th, Working in TATA Group of Company seeks Suitable Alliance same Caste Ct: 9443401831 / 9626040083

TAMIL VISWAKARMA, Doctor Parents seeks alliance for their son 39 yrs/ 175 cm, Pooratathi-star, Meena Rasi, 80000/p.m, Divorcee with 8 yrs boy seeks suitable Bride/ Divorcee. Ct: 99945 35673

SWE BE 36/162, 50,000 per month HCL, Pillai seeks suitable bride. caste no bar.Email:kbsmp1956@gmail.com.

TAMIL

HINDU NATHAMAN Udaiyaar, Senior Engineer, working in Japan. Good looking Boy 34yrs Magam, Simma Rasi. Family seeks alliance from first and unmarried bride. Caste no bar, Contact: 97913 55787

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HINDU, AGE : 39, Divorced, USA Citizen, Seeking (Engg/ Medicine) Bride With No Child, Caste No Bar. Contact : 9994328550 / 9790515437

VISWABRAHMIN (GS) / Thiruvonam, 40/170, ACA&ACMA/ 70000, MNC seeks Same Caste Bride. 9486320982

MUDALIAR, 29, M.Tech, 175cm, 18 lacs P.A Well Settled Family Seeks Bride CNB Ct. 8778514465 / 7200866346

MUDALIAR 28/172, Handsome, MBBS, MS, MMM, 1200000.PA, Affluent Family, CNB. 7299576644, 7299576666

REDDY, 46/175, BE, IT manager, well settled, remarriage,no child, seeks suitable bride 35+ Blr 9741776169

HINDU NADAR 25, BE/MBA 175cm Inc 150000/– Working in Bangalore Seeks Bride. KA Raman Nadar 9380791999

✔ **VANNIAR, HANDSOME** rich 92 born pursuing MS Oncology seeks slim pretty Tamil DOCTOR girl Bangalore /Chennai based. CNB. Ct: 7305010105

ALLIANCE INVITED for Vadama Iyer 56 Bachelor own business Teetotaller frm Iyer unmarried girls 9447496006

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BRAHMIN 70 author veg separated looking for widow above 50 as soulmate. WhatApp now : 82208 22951

TAMIL IYENGAR Bride for 30/175 BE MS MNC Bengaluru Srivatsa Gothram Pooram Vadakalai. 9449828828.

Brahmin boy 47 divorced no issues double Masters degree Canadian citizen working Detroit coming Chennai Nov11 Call 9488761825

VADAKALAI Iyengar Boy, Punarpoosam 5'ft 6 Inch, Bharatwaja Gothram, 1979,never married, MNC, Chennai, M.S I.T, 24 Lacs pa seeks never married Brahmin Brides. Cont. with BPH Whats App 7299704899 / 9443092289

ASTASHASRAM KARTHIGAI 53 MBA M.S, well settled Seeks educated 1st Marriage any Iyer brides only. BHP: sree.lashmi108@gmail.com

BRAHMIN IYER VADULAM Uthiram Nov 1977 BSc(MCA)MNC, IT 24Lakh PA Seeks unmarried Brahmin Girl 9841071359

IYER BRAHACHARANAM MOOLAM NETRAKASHYAPAM NOV 1973 DIPL. PVT ORG 4 L PA SEEKS ANY GIRL 9840023524

31/ 164 cm, ME, Assistant Professor Chennai-Divorcee seeks suitable Bride Unmarried/ Divorcee- no issue- Naidu/ Mudaliar/ Pillai/ Reddiyar/ Chettiar Pref Ct: 94430 52596/ 94456 89306

TAMIL

TAMIL, HINDU, April 1994 born, Doctor Groom, 175cm, pursuing fellowship in Nephrology in Mayo Clinic Minnesota. Parents settled in Chennai. **Seeking Bride - Doctor / Engineer / other professionals** working / pursuing higher studies in USA. CNB. **9840898509, 9500029011, 9952909232**

BRIDE WANTED
A High profile, well-established (Business) Family in Chennai is looking for a beautiful Girl for their suave and humble 29 year old son.
✆ 80726 23211

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TELUGU

BALIJA NAIDU First Marriage Teetotaler 42/5ft 10inch B.E, M.Tech, Manager–MNC, Bangalore 30LPA, Affluent & Well Settled Family, Seeks Never Married Bride, Ct: Whatsapp: 9632258245

✔ **REDDY, 38 yrs, 190cms, issueless divorcee, MDS oral medicine and radiology from SRMC, having own clinic, 30000 per month, own flat in Chennai, no father, seeks tall, issueless divorcee or widow preferably doctor(MBBS, BDS, MDS) or engineer in and around Chennai CNB, ct: 9003060330.**

TELUGU BALIJA Naidu Lawyer 43, looking for suitable Telugu speaking bride subsect no bar.Ct: 9444048537

NAIDU 27/175 MBA Working in MNC Chennai as HR Seeks Suitable Bride Ct: 9003361254/9003153493

BALIJA 28/180 cms, Magam, Simma Raasi/ BE/ M.S (Ger) working in Germany 42Lpa. Financially Sound. Seeks Suitable Qualified Bride–Sub Sects No Bar. Ct: 9442623203 / 9442838203

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TAMIL

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CHRISTIAN NADAR, 34yrs / 178cms, MBBS with DIP in Cardiology Private Doctor good looking lives in Nagercoil, Innocent Divorcee seeks same caste qualified Bride / Divorcee above 28yrs. Contact: 90039 83230.

SHAFI, TAMIL Muslim 35/5'8", B.E., M.B.A., Singapore Educated, working in Clarinox Technologies, Chennai, Seeks fair, unmarried, educated girl with good family background. #9940484847

CSI NADAR, unmarried, M.Tech, IT Engr, 24 lacs pa., 43 yrs, 180 cms, seeks bride. Ph. 9884009776

HINDU DEVENDIRA Kula Vellalar M.E., 28/167 Asst. Engg. in PWD seeks Suitable Bride 8248195168, 8667380725

TAMIL HINDU, Maruthuvar, 43yrs/ 172cm, M.E., State Govt, Mutual Divorcee without issue seeks unmarried / Divorcee / Widow without issue, preferably below 32 yrs. Caste no bar. email: mithun36m@gmail.com

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THENGALAI IYENGAR Srivatsam, Visakam 37Yrs, BE, Working in MNC, Chennai. Seeks Graduate Bride. Kalai No Bar. Ct: 9884751601

SOZHIIAVELALAR (BC). Male. 41 Remarriage. Private Sector 50K.PM. Own House ChennaiWanted bride 8667415520

DIVORCEE

HIGHLY QUALIFIED settled handsome divorcee Mudaliar /CNB, looking for good looking Bride. Ct 9962018503

DOCTOR

MUSLIM, MDS, Bachelor seeks professionals between 37-47. Whatsapp Biodata. 8075479568.

HINDU, SC, Ad, 39 Doctor (Anaesthetist) well settled in Chennai seeks a doctor bride. CNB. Contact: 9499956876.

ENGINEER

TAMIL HINDU Nadar, Mumbai, Industrialist, B.Tech, 28/180, Fair, Athletic seeks Engineer Bride. 9326750083

TELUGU

FAIR GOOD Looking, Naidu Girl B.E, 30 /5.5" Sadhayam, Divorcee, un consummated Marriage Seeks below 38 India / Abroad, CNB Ct: 9500009694

TELUGU CHETTIAR 8Veedu 25/165 V.Fair Swathi BE MS working in USA seeks groom (16 Veedu) same community 26–29yrs settled in abroad 9942713829

NAIDU 27/153CM/FAIR Good Looking/ CA/16L PA/Veg. God fearing Seeks Smart Professional Teetotaler, Veg Below 30 from decent family 9444361010

RICH KAMMA Naidu 24yrs B.Tech, (Own Spinning Mills) Coimbatore Fair Seeks Groom. Ct: 72002 61495

URDU

SUNNI MUSLIM 27/167 MS US fair beautiful Software California professional family seeks Engineer/ Doctor groom US based Whatsapp: 9840124476

URDU MUSLIM (Khan/Shaik) Chennai 26/170cm B.Sc, Slim, Fair, Employed seeks Educated, Employed Groom Ct: Wats app Profile & Photo. 9841352916

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INBRIEF

Agro-diversity on display at Kisan Swaraj Sammelan

The seed mela as part of the All India Kisan Swaraj Sammelan being held in Mysuru has drawn 150 seed savers from across the country who are showcasing the agricultural diversity of India. There are nearly 50 stalls manned by farmer and seed-saver groups from 19 States and the mela is a platform not only to share knowledge but has also facilitated exchange of rare and indigenous seeds that are unique to different parts of the country.

Tigress snared to death; search for cubs to commence

A tigress was found snared to death close to the Taraka dam near the Antharsanthe range of Nagarahole in H.D. Kote on Saturday.

It is believed to be the same tigress which was nursing three cubs near Taraka and there are fears that the cubs could be on the verge of starvation death as preliminary reports indicate that the tigress had died a few days ago.

Sources said a combing operation will be launched to track and ascertain the fate of the cubs as they are unable to fend for themselves.

Video shows man protesting after he fell due to pothole

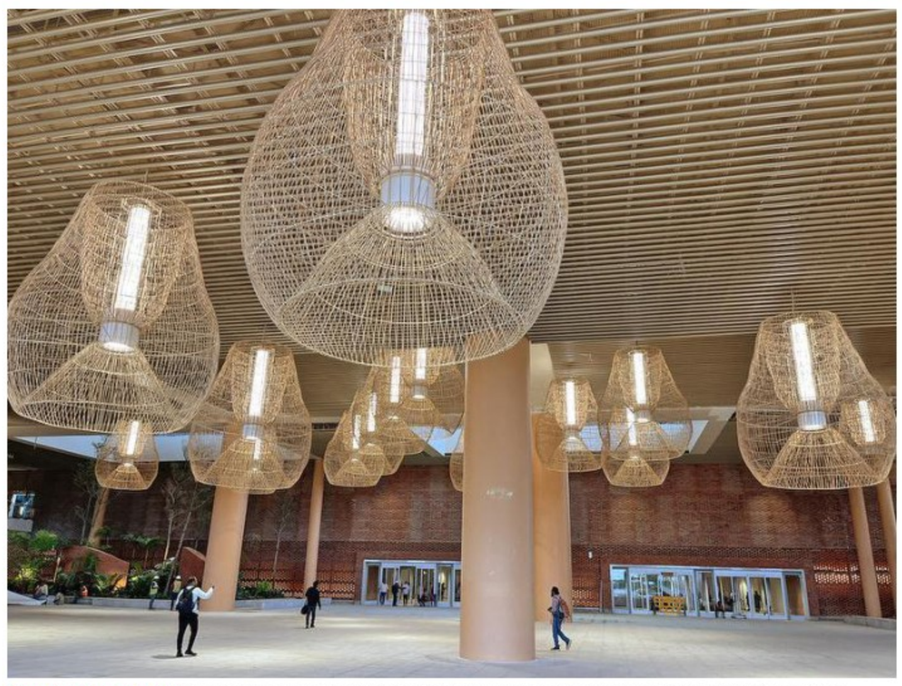
A two-wheeler rider who fell from his scooter due to a pothole, protesting by sitting on the road in Bengaluru went viral on social media on Saturday.

The video was uploaded on various Twitter accounts on Friday where a man was heard asking for a response from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials regarding the potholes in Ulsoor. A post shared by the Twitter handle, Speak Up Bengaluru, read, "Today morning 6 AM, this person fallen to pothole while riding vehicle & no one responded yet near Ulsoor Opp. to Adarsha theatre, OldMadrasRoad, Bangalore. Thanks to CV Raman Nagara MLA @mla_raghu for keeping Bengalurians struggle with their lives every day.(sic)"

Another video on the same incident shared by another Twitter handle shows the police came to the spot and made him leave. The Karnataka Congress Twitter handle also shared the incident and alleged that the roads are repaired by BJP government only when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the city.

Terminal 2 will be the finest in India, says BIAL MD

Hari Marar, BIAL MD and CEO, said the terminal had been designed with focus on ecology, sustainability and culture of Karnataka



Spectacular sight: The glitzy second terminal of Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Terminal 2 at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, will offer one of the finest experiences for passengers in India, said Hari Marar, Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) MD and CEO.

Speaking during a guided walkthrough of Terminal 2 on Saturday, he said it offers the best of technologies in an environment that pays tribute to the Garden City of Bengaluru. The terminal is designed with focus on ecology, sustainability and culture of Karnataka.

Digi Yatra

"From a technological standpoint, Terminal 2 features all the best technologies. Digi Yatra has been woven into the travel programme which means you can use your facial biometrics to travel through the airport, there are self-drop baggage counters which means you do not have to go to a manned counter. You can just drop your bag and go through, there are full-body scanners that have been deployed here," Mr. Marar said.

Apart from technological features, the new terminal will host the never-seen-before retail and food and beverages outlets, the MD added. "Retail and food and beverages that they would have never seen at any airport in India today are being put together," he said.

He said that terminal had been complete in four years despite two years being COVID-19 years. "We have been able to complete it because of the efforts of a lot of people, construction companies, our design companies and all our employees have done a tremendous job in putting this together," he said.

The construction of the terminal began in October, 2018, with BIAL planning to build it in two phases. Phase 1, covering 255,645 square meters, will cater to 25 million passengers per annum (MPPA), while the second phase which is still in the planning stage would be able to handle 20 MPPA. Once both phases are complete, T2 will be able to handle 70 MPPA.

Kempegowda International Airport's Terminal 2 has been designed as a tribute to the garden city of Bengaluru and the passenger experience is meant to be a 'walk in the garden'. K. MURALI KUMAR

Key features of Terminal 2

A tribute to garden city

- **180** rare, endangered and threatened species
- **3,600+** plant species
- **600-800** year old trees
- Bamboo cladding equivalent to **923 km**
- **620** endemic plants
- **7,700** transplanted trees
- **150** palm species
- **10** ecological habitats
- **96** lotus species
- **100** varieties of lilies

Sustainability

- **24.9%** energy savings with solar panels and sky lighting
- **413 million** litre capacity rainwater ponds
- India's 1st naturally cleaned **multipurpose lagoons**
- **Engineered bamboo** that is fire retardant and long lasting

Art and culture

Focus on **rich history** and **cultural heritage** of Karnataka

60 artworks by 43 artists selected from 300 open entries to be showcased

Passengers can use facial biometrics to make their way through the airport and rely on self-drop baggage counters. K. MURALI KUMAR

No ragi mudde and jolada rotti in midday meals this academic year

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Department of School Education and Literacy has dropped the plan of providing ragi mudde and jolada rotti in government and aided schools in the midday meal programme across the State for this academic year due to a shortage of funds and non-availability of good quality ragi and jowar.

In keeping with the regional food habits, ragi mudde was to be introduced in South Karnataka and jolada rotti in North Karnataka, along with rice and sambar in the midday meals. FILE PHOTO

Regional food habits

In addition to egg, banana, and groundnut chikki in midday meals, the government had plans to add millets such as ragi and jowar to the diet of the government and aided school children.

In keeping with the regional food habits, ragi mudde was supposed to be introduced in South Karnataka and jolada rotti in North Karnataka, along with rice and sambar in the midday meals. It was to take off in September 2022. Ragi and jowar were supposed be purchased from Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.,(KFCSC). However, it has turned out that the foodgrains available in the KFCSC godowns are of poor quality at this time of the year.

According to sources, the department does not have enough funds to purchase ragi and jowar from the open market and this has forced it to drop the plan this academic year.

Vishal R., Commissioner for the Department of Public Instruction, told *The Hindu*: "This year, we had plans to add ragi mudde and jolada rotti in the school midday meals programme. The KFCSC had offered to supply ragi and jowar. But there is no good quality grain available. Therefore we dropped the programme for this academic year."

He explained that the current funds were enough for the midday meals programme and for distributing boiled egg, banana, and chikki.

"We need additional funds for providing ragi mudde and jolada rotti. Therefore, we will add this programme in the next year's State Budget and appeal to the government for additional funds," Dr. Vishal said.

Teenagers end life in separate incidents

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A teenager ended his life allegedly after his parents took him to task over not doing household chores. The incident occurred in Hebbal on Friday evening. The deceased boy, 13, was a resident of Chikkanayakanahalli and a Class VII student, police sources said.

On Friday, after he returned from work, his parents reportedly took him to task over not keeping his room clean and not doing his work at home, following which the parents reportedly assumed he went out to play. However, they began to frantically search for him when he did not return home and was nowhere to be seen even at 7 p.m. One of the parents went to the terrace of the building to discover their son hanging from a clothesline to their horror. The Hebbal Police have registered a case and are probing the case further.

In another case, reported in Doddaballapur, on the outskirts of the city, a 19-year-old girl Rachita ended her life after her younger brother reportedly locked her mobile phone by changing its password. Rachita had reportedly been spending hours on the phone, causing concern to the family. On instructions from their parents, her younger brother changed the password of the phone essentially locking it and did not open it despite her pleading several times. A dejected Rachita ended her life, police said.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help.)

Man killed on Electronics City Expressway

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A biker was killed in an accident on the Electronics City Elevated Expressway on Saturday morning when a speeding tempo traveller rammed into his motorcycle from behind.

The deceased has been identified as Prakash, 56, an employee of a private firm. Prakash fell down and suffered severe injuries and was rushed to a nearby private hospital, but was declared brought dead.

The incident happened around 8.45 a.m. on Saturday, disrupting traffic on the key flyover for sometime. The Electronics City Traffic Police arrested the tempo driver and booked him for causing death due to negligence.

Music festival

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 29th annual music festival organised by Nadasurabhi Cultural Association will be held from November 17 to 20.

According to a release, the programme features violin concerts by Lalgudi GJR Krishnan and Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi (Nov. 17); a vocal concert by Ramakrishnan Murthy and team, (Nov.18), a vocal concert by Saketharaman and party (Nov. 19), a violin concert by A. Kanyakumari and team, (10 a.m.), and a vocal duet by Malladi brothers Sreeramprasad and Ravikumar and team. (Nov. 20)

All evening programmes will commence at 6 p.m. at Hall No. 1, Golden Jubilee Block, St. John's Medical College campus, Koramangala.

Moderate rain, chilly weather to continue for next four days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The weekend started with a cloudy, chilly weather in Bengaluru as the northeast monsoon begins to settle well over the southern peninsular region.

After a few drizzling spells on Friday, light to moderate showers were observed in most localities of the city by Saturday afternoon.

IMD forecast

The weather conditions are expected to continue the same way for the next few days, according to the forecast given by India Meteorological Department (IMD) Bengaluru.

"There is a well-marked low pressure area near the coast of Puducherry which will cross Tamil Nadu and Kerala and weaken in the Arabian Sea on Sunday. Since it lies over Tamil Nadu, a few districts in South Interior Karnataka are experiencing rains," said Prasad, scientist in IMD, Bengaluru. He also said that light to moderate rains with cloudy skies, chilly air and thundershowers will be seen in Bengaluru for four days.

'Winter is coming'

"As there is an overcast sky, maximum temperature is not increasing and sun rays are also not reaching the surface. There are also winds blowing from the north and northeastern directions which are generally chilly. The winds are also gusty at 15-20 km per hour. The difference between maximum and minimum temperatures in the city is less too," Mr. Prasad explained. He further said that the temperature drops are an indication of the upcoming winter season.

Enjoying the long weekend, many took to social media to admire the foggy, cold weather in the city while those who had set out unprepared were struggling on roads without raincoats and umbrellas.

A few minor traffic snarls were also reported on some arterial roads.

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Accessories stall: Colourful bangles in glass and plastic on sale.

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Hub of commerce: An aerial view of the shandy on a foggy morning. The marketplace bustles with activity despite the cold.

Price point: A tribal woman negotiating a deal for adda leaves (*Bauhinia*).

On the go: Vehicles are packed to the brim with people and goods as they make their way to and from the shandy.

'Speed of Vande Bharat train will be increased'

Many had said that travel time of the train is similar to that of Shatabdi's

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Vande Bharat Express between Chennai and Mysuru on November 11, many people put up posts on social media, drawing a comparison between Vande Bharat and the currently operational Shatabdi services.

Many are not impressed with the fact that travel time of the newly launched Vande Bharat is almost similar to that of Shatabdi. From Chennai to Mysuru Vande Bharat takes 390 minutes, whereas Shatabdi takes 420 minutes. In the return direction, the Vande Bharat takes 385 minutes and Shatabdi 435 minutes.

A regular passenger Surendran C. said, "Vande Bharat trains have been receiving hype ever since it was launched. Contrary to claims made about the speed at which this new train could be operated, its travel time and that of Shatabdi is almost the same. Passengers are paying more for Vande Bharat."

The Mysuru-Chennai Vande Bharat Express at KSR railway station in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

More amenities

Rail activist Mr. Sanjeev Dyamannavar said, "Thousands of people travel every day between Bengaluru and Chennai. Vande Bharat provides a more comfortable travel experience than Shatabdi. There are people who are ready to pay more for the comfort and better amenities. The Railways should also explore the possibility of reducing the travel time in the coming days, and change the schedule as per the requirement of the general public."

A senior official of the South Western Railway said, "Available infrastructure allows Vande Bharat trains to be operated 30 to 40 minutes faster than Shatabdi. The topography of this region is different compared to the northern parts of the country. Bengaluru is located over 900 m above sea level. There are many curves on this section."

However, the official said there is scope to increase the speed in coming days as there are plans to increase sectional speed by upgrading the track. "Between Bengaluru and Chennai, trains can be operated at maximum speed of 110 kmph and there is a plan to increase it up to 130 kmph in coming days. The Bengaluru to Mysuru line will be increased from 100 kmph to 110 kmph. Once this is done, the running time of Vande Bharat will come down."

Another official said Vande Bharat is more comfortable than Shatabdi, "Although, both trains are running on the same route, the need fulfilled is not merely of transportation, but an aspirational need of the new generation of passengers to have a memorable, luxurious, and comfortable travel experience."

Good response

For the first service, which was operated from Chennai to Mysuru on November 12, as many as 97% of tickets for executive class and 73% of AC chair car were booked at the originating point, said an official.

In the return direction, from Mysuru, 89% of the executive class and 73% AC chair car were booked at the originating point.

Man killed in hit-and-run

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A man, crossing the busy Outer Ring Road (ORR) near Banaswadi on Friday night, was killed in a hit-and-run accident. The deceased has been identified as Bapikumar, 23, an employee of a private firm.

When he was trying to cross the ORR in Kalyan Nagar around 11 p.m. Friday night, a speeding canter mowed him down and as he fell to the ground, ran over him, killing him on the spot. The driver of the canter sped away.

A commuter on ORR who was in a car behind the canter when the accident happened tried to chase the canter and recorded the vehicle speeding away on his mobile phone and posted it on Twitter, tagging Bengaluru City Traffic Police. An officer said the video will help them track down the driver. The Banaswadi Traffic Police have taken up a probe and efforts are on to identify and arrest the canter driver.

Clay modelling demonstration at NGMA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

NGMA, Bengaluru, has arranged a clay modelling demonstration on Sunday by sculptor Venkatachalapathi in conjunction with the ongoing exhibition *The Legacy: Sculptures by Artist Anila Jacob,* at #49, Palace Road from 3 p.m.

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Two dead

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Two youngsters were killed when the bike they were riding collided head-on with a private bus on the outskirts of the city Friday night. The deceased are Manjunath, 22, and Naveen, 19, residents of Thindlu, near Kodigehalli.

On Friday night, the duo was returning home from Gauribidanur when they collided head-on with a private bus near Doddaballapur. Both of them were not wearing helmets and suffered severe head injuries. Though they were immediately shifted to a private hospital, both of them succumbed to their injuries later in the night.

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BENGALURU

SUNDAY, NOV. 13	
RISE 06:17	SET 17:51
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Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	22	19

Bengaluru Today
23°C The weather will be pleasant but humid. Night will be slight cool. Spell of light rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
26°C A dry weather is likely.Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be cool and hazy.

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INBRIEF

40th anniversary celebration of Doordarshan Kendra today

Prasar Bharati and Karnataka Media Academy, Bengaluru, will jointly organise Doordarshan Foundation Day and Karnataka Media Academy's 40th anniversary celebrations on Sunday. Bengaluru Doordarshan, which started operations in 1982, turns 40 on November 19. A documentary on Doordarshan's contribution to Indian Independence will be screened. The Kannada version of the documentary will also be released shortly. The event will be inaugurated by Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan. It will be held at Doordarshan Kendra, Munireddypalya, Jayamahal Main Road, from 11 a.m.

Regional Tech Node of Army Design Bureau to be opened

A Regional Technology Node (RTN) of Army Design Bureau (ADB) will be inaugurated in Bengaluru on Monday at ASC Centre & College. ADB is one of India's milestone projects under the Indian Army's Make-in-India initiative in the defence sector.

In 2016, it was established and to further exploit the success of this model, it was visualised to have similar formal structures at regional level to further extend the outreach and enhance assimilation of technology in the Indian Army. RTN-B will leverage the location of ASC Centre & College to interface with trade, industry, and academia with specific focus on IT, to coordinate advancements in technology for the all benefit of the Indian Army. The role of Army Design Bureau is to conduct technology scans, identify technologies for acquisition and development, and facilitate R&D efforts with industry, academia, Defence Public Sector Undertakings and the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

The intention is to provide inputs and enable them to understand user requirements while initiating design and development cases with the aim to promote indigenisation.

BJP, Opposition parties continue to bicker over issue of 'statue politics'

Both the JD(S) and the Congress accused the BJP of using the unveiling of the statue of Bengaluru's founder Kempe Gowda as a political tool ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the 108-foot statue of Kempe Gowda, apparently with an eye to woo the Vokkaliga community that has remained elusive to the saffron party, the ruling BJP and the Opposition Janata Dal (Secular) and the Congress continued to bicker around the issue of "politicising" the image of the city's founder with an eye on the Assembly elections in 2023.

The JD(S), which enjoys the support of a significant section of the Vokkaliga community, continued to harp on party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda not being given his due as a former Prime Minister in the inaugural ceremony.

Responding to claims by the JD(S) that Mr. Gowda was not invited properly for the event and this was an insult to Kannadigas, the BJP tweeted claiming he was indeed invited and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had personally called the senior leader and sent him a letter.

Visitors arrive to see the newly installed Kempe Gowda statue at KIA in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Invited day before

On Saturday, the JD(S) hit back releasing the letter of the Chief Minister to Mr. Gowda, dated November 10, 2022, the day before the event. "The Chief Minister called Mr. Gowda at 9 p.m. the day before and the letter reached the house past midnight. Moreover, the event's invitation did not have his name," the JD(S) tweeted.

The volley of tweets continued, as the Karnataka BJP asked in turn whether the regional party and its leader H. D. Kumaraswamy were afraid of polarisation of the Vokkaliga votes and whether he was intolerant of the BJP's Vokkaliga leaders gaining prominence. He was making these allegations "to fight for his survival", the saffron party alleged.

Leader of the Opposition and Congress leader Siddaramaiah also said he got a call from the Chief Minister on the eve of the event at 7 p.m. and his name did not figure in the invitation. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, from the Vokkaliga community, accused the BJP of playing "statue politics" for votes.

"Garlanding statues won't fill the stomachs of the people from those communities. It will not solve their real problems," he said. Mr. Modi had garlanded the statues of Maharshi Valmiki and Saint Kanakadasa on Saturday, besides unveiling the statue of Kempe Gowda.

On Mr. Deve Gowda and other leaders not being invited, Mr. Shivakumar said the BJP never looked at the interests of the community and was only indulging in politics. "This government has never followed protocol and respected other leaders. So we do not expect anything better from them," he said.

'Cong. started Jayanti'

Since the government had given BIAL land at a cheap cost, they would have built the statue themselves, argued Mr. Shivakumar. "May be the government wanted some commission," he suggested, which was rubbished by C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister and vice-chairperson of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Heritage Area Development Authority.

Mr. Shivakumar also said that it was Congress that started celebrating Kempe Gowda Jayanti and named the airport after him.

Tipu statue will be built in Srirangapatna or Mysuru: Tanveer Sait

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Tanveer Sait, former Minister and Congress MLA, has said that a 100-feet statue of Tipu Sultan will be built either in Mysuru or Srirangapatna after consulting secular individuals and organisations that admired the contributions of the erstwhile ruler of Mysuru.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru, Mr. Sait said a decision had been taken to construct a statue in memory of Tipu Sultan to counter the efforts of the ruling BJP to "malign and distort" the history of the eighteenth century ruler for "political purposes".

Even though construction of statues is not permissible in Islam, the need for such a symbol has arisen in the present circumstances in which the BJP and the Sangh Parivar are carrying out a sustained campaign against the erstwhile ruler, who "started the freedom struggle."

Mr. Sait said he will discuss the details of the project with not only Muslim religious leaders and politicians, but also with all individuals and organisations that hold the contributions of Tipu Sultan in high esteem. "We are not building a statue just because Tipu Sultan was a Muslim ruler or to indulge in personality worship. W want to spread his ideals and create awareness about his propeople administration. It is like how we appreciate Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar for his contributions to Mysuru and the kingdom," he said.

Referring to the reported threats by certain Hindutva elements to demolish the statue of Tipu Sultan, Mr. Sait said he believed in the Constitution of India. "As an Indian, I also have as much right as anybody else," he said.

'Not paid our due for attending PM's rally'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A group of over 40 labourers from Shidlaghatta, Chickballapur district, on Saturday alleged that they were not paid ₹500 as promised for attending Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally in Devanahalli on Friday.

The group protested in Shidlaghatta and spoke to television channels in which the they alleged that the person taking them was to pay a day's earnings, but the promise was not kept.

"We were given breakfast but no lunch. At the end of the day, the person who took us tried offering us ₹100 and insulted us," the leader of the group told the channel. The group tried to lodge a police complaint, sources said. However, Shidlaghatta police said no group approached them with a complaint.

Tribunal sets aside tax claim on ethanol used to blend with petrol

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Intervening in a dispute between the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and the Commercial Tax Department over payment of tax since 2008-09, the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal (KAT) has set aside claims of the department over the imposition of entry tax and tax on denatured anhydrous ethanol that is used to blend with petrol.

The tax authorities had treated the denatured anhydrous ethanol as ethyl alcohol for the purpose of levying tax, which the KAT has held as unsustainable.

Hearing on a batch of appeals by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., the KAT Bench comprising B.L. Jinaralakar (district judge member) and S.R. Thulasidas (Commercial Tax member) rejected claims of the department and directed the assessing authorities to draw the revised proceedings and issue revised demand notice or refund order.

The OMCs, in a series of appeals to the department, had argued against levying entry tax on purchase value of ethanol; treating denatured anhydrous ethanol as ethyl alcohol and entry tax on the sale value of petrol blended with ethanol.

The OMCs had argued that ethanol cannot be considered as ethyl alcohol and no separate entry tax can be levied since the entry tax paid on the sale value of blended petrol is fully in compliance with the provisions of the Karnataka Tax on Entry of Goods Act, 1979 (KTEG Act).

The order by the assessment authorities in the department, that was based on a 2002 notification, had been challenged under the Karnataka Tax on Entry of Goods Act, 1979.

Denatured anhydrous ethanol is used to blend with petrol.
REPRESENTATIONAL PHOTO

Incidentally, the KTEG Act has been subsumed under the Goods and Services Act, 2017.

The assessment authorities in the Commercial Tax Department had dismissed the appeals stating that payment of entry tax on the sale value of blended petrol would not absolve the companies from levy of tax on the purchase of ethyl alcohol.

Further, it treated the denatured anhydrous ethanol as ethyl alcohol for the purpose of levying tax.

The Bench observed that though the denatured spirit had been notified in earlier notifications of 1992 and 1997, but had not been notified in March 2002 by the Karnataka government.

"Ethyl alcohol is potable and fit for human consumption. The denatured anhydrous ethanol alcohol/ethanol, which is used as admixture to petrol, is non-potable and unfit for human consumption," the Bench said.

It further noted that denatured anhydrous ethanol attracted Central excise whereas the rectified spirit, neutral alcohol and ethyl alcohol attract levy of State excise duty under Karnataka Excise Act, 1965.

Rev. Kittel's kin visit places in Karnataka where the Kannada lexicographer lived and worked

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

"The fact that we are in this beautiful land traversed by my great-great-grandfather Reverend Ferdinand Kittel, who worked for the people and cause of Kannada, is an emotional moment," said Yves Patrick Meyer, great great grandson of Rev. Kittel, a missionary and Indologist most famous for his studies of the Kannada language and for producing a pioneering Kannada-English dictionary.

Mr. Meyer, who is in Karnataka with his mother Almuth Barbara Eleonore Meyer (great-granddaughter of Kittel) to attend various functions, had memorable moments in Dharwad on Friday, as they walked around the places where Rev. Kittel had worked.

Yves Patrick Meyere, great-great-grandson, and Almuth Barbara Eleonore Meyer, great granddaughter of Rev. Ferdinand Kittel pose before his statue in Dharwad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On Saturday, at Dakshina Kannada, a statue of Rev. Kittel was unveiled on the premises of Karnataka Theological College, attended by the Meyers. The family of Rev. Kittel will be in Bengaluru on Sunday to participate in a function where Prashanth Pandit, a documentary filmmaker working on a film on Rev. Kittel, will launch a digitally recreated old font named "Kittel font".

At Dharwad, the Meyers, and their relative Frederick Stormer, went around Hebich Memorial Church in Dharwad, Basel Mission School, garlanded the statue of Rev. Kittel, interacted with students of Kittel College, and also posed for selfies with them. Overwhelmed by the love of the people, the mother and son announced that they would be happy to donate Kannada books, spectacles, and other articles used by Rev. Kittel that had preserved by the family.

Later, speaking at the felicitation accorded to them at Zilla Sahitya Bhavana jointly by Karnatak Vidyavardhak Sangha and CSI College, they shared the happiness that the visit had brought to them. Mr. Meyer said that after visiting Dharwad, he finally had the answer as to why his great great grandfather chose to spend four decades in the Kannada land in the 19th century.

Briefing about Rev. Kittel's love for the people of Karnataka and Kannada language, he said that it inspired him to bring out a dictionary with over 70,000 words. He said he was delighted to know about the work of Srinivas Havanur on Rev. Kittel's contribution.

At Mangaluru, former Vice-Chancellor of Hampi University B. Vivek Rai urged the State government to take up the work of updating Rev. Kittel's dictionary which was compiled 128 years ago.

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Shri Ashok Gehlot

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on 13 November 2022 in Jodhpur

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INBRIEF

One missing after landslip hits Vattavada in Idukki

A man went missing and 10 others had a close shave after they were caught in a major landslip at Puthukkady, near Vattavada in Munnar, on Saturday. The missing person has been identified as Roopesh, 40, of Vadakara. District Collector Sheeba George said travel along the Munnar-Vattavada route remains banned.

11 Sri Lankan fishermen held off Andhra Pradesh coast

The Indian Coast Guard has handed over 11 Sri Lankan fishermen and two fishing boats to the Kakinada marine police, Andhra Pradesh, for further investigation on Saturday. The Sri Lankan fishermen were reportedly apprehended by the Coast Guard while they were allegedly fishing in the Indian waters 175 Nautical Miles off Kalingapatnam coast in Srikakulam district on November 10. Kakinada Marine Station Circle Inspector Sumanth said the Coast Guard handed over the fishermen and two boats on Saturday.

Delhi court dismisses plaint against Kerala MLA K.T. Jaleel

A Delhi court, while dismissing a complaint against Kerala MLA K.T. Jaleel, observed, "Society's outrage is no ground to suppress free speech." It must be kept in mind that freedom of speech protects actions that society "may find very offensive", it said. The complaint against K.T. Jaleel was filed based on his social media post in which he had allegedly used the terms 'Indian-Occupied Kashmir' and 'Azad Kashmir' to refer to the J&K, and that people on the Indian side of the Kashmir region were not happy.

Investment of ₹10,742 cr. will pave way for A.P.'s growth: PM

Prime Minister virtually lays foundation for five infrastructure projects at Visakhapatnam; says the new projects envisioned an inclusive growth and inclusive development for Andhra Pradesh

Sumit Bhattacharjee
VISAKHAPATNAM

The investment of more than ₹10,500 crore in Andhra Pradesh by the Union government will pave the way for its growth and also fulfil the aspirations of its people, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Saturday. He was addressing a public meeting at the Andhra University Engineering College grounds after virtually laying the foundation stone for five infrastructure projects and dedicating two projects to the nation, all worth around ₹10,742 crore.

Mr. Modi said the path to development taken by the Union government was multi-dimensional and focussed on the needs of the common citizen and presented a roadmap for an advanced infrastructure.

The Prime Minister said the projects for which the foundation was laid, in Visakhapatnam, envisioned such an inclusive growth and inclusive development for Andhra Pradesh.

"Supply chain and logistics, which are growth engines, depend on multimodal logistics, and the projects here are aimed towards that. We have focussed on every sector right from railway to road network and from ports to fishing," he said.

Focus on infrastructure: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launching development projects in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. PTI

'Family-ruled Telangana govt. will not be spared'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday warned that the government that was 'looting' the people of Telangana would not be spared. Family rule and corruption are the biggest enemies and the BJP would root out those indulging in it, he said while addressing the party workers at the Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad.

Six Rajiv case convicts walk out of prison

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The six life convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case – Nalini, Santhan, Murugan, Sriharan, Robert Payas and Ravichandran – were freed from prisons on Saturday evening after the Supreme Court on Friday ordered their release.

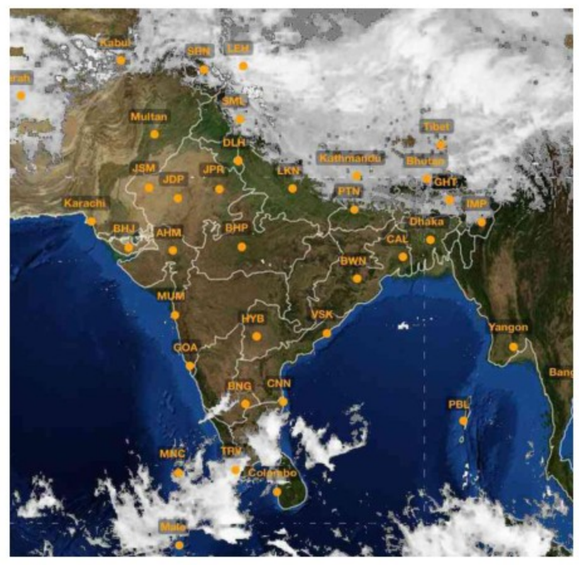
DGP (Prisons) Amaraesh Pujari told *The Hindu*, "After receiving the court order on Saturday afternoon..., we completed all formalities... Subsequently, we have set them free... Nalini and Ravichandran, who were on ordinary leave, were recalled and they reported back. They were freed later after finishing the formalities..."

Nalini was released from the Special Prison for Women, Vellore. Murugan and Santhan were freed from the Central Prison, Vellore, and Robert Payas and Jayakumar from the Central Prison, Puzhal. Ravichandran was freed from the Central Prison, Madurai. Following its order in May freeing life convict A.G. Perarivalan by invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court on Friday invoked them to extend the same benefit to the six other convicts and ordered that they be set free.

Prison authorities handed over to each of them the cash that they had earned by working in prison. Murugan, Santhan, Robert Payas and Jayakumar were escorted to the Special Camp (Foreigners Detention Centre), Tiruchi, that was identified by the Collector. The Foreigners Regional Registration Officer issued an order on Friday, mandating the foreigners not to move out of the boundaries of the special camp until they were deported to their home country. Nalini told *The Hindu*, "I am not happy about my release because I lost most of my life serving the term in the prison. I was disheartened today [Saturday] when I saw that my husband [Murugan] was taken in a vehicle that was used to take dogs while being shifted to a special camp in Tiruchi."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over interior Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, coastal & south Interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.7	18.2	Kozhikode	9	30.1	23.1
Ahmedabad	—	33.0	20.2	Kurnool	—	31.8	22.7
Aizawl	—	—	13.9	Lucknow	—	29.0	15.1
Allahabad	—	30.3	15.6	Madurai	8	27.6	22.1
Bengaluru	0.7	21.6	19.5	Mangaluru	0.3	30.8	24.4
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	—	34.6	22.2
Bhubaneswar	—	31.3	19.4	Mysuru	9	29.7	19.4
Chandigarh	—	28.5	12.8	New Delhi	—	28.3	12.6
Chennai	65	28.7	23.8	Patna	—	28.6	17.2
Coimbatore	51	24.0	20.6	Port Blair	—	31.2	24.6
Dehradun	—	26.1	10.2	Puducherry	60.8	30.0	23.4
Gangtok	5	16.6	9.4	Pune	—	30.5	16.2
Goa	—	34.2	21.6	Raipur	—	30.7	19.6
Guwahati	—	30.5	18.6	Ranchi	—	27.7	15.0
Hubballi	—	30.0	20.0	Shillong	—	19.2	10.1
Hyderabad	—	30.7	19.1	Shimla	—	16.8	7.6
Imphal	—	27.2	12.4	Srinagar	—	16.0	1.2
Jaipur	—	28.6	14.4	Thiruvananthapuram	0.6	32.7	23.8
Kochi	0.2	29.0	24.0	Tiruchi	37	27.1	21.4
Kohima	—	21.6	8.4	Vijayawada	—	31.6	24.0
Kolkata	—	30.3	20.8	Visakhapatnam	—	31.6	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.. —	110	.. 2	 65	88	
Bengaluru	...8	..21	85	... 134	88	
Chennai	.26	..11	43	 10	25	
Delhi	.24	112	62	... 325	...338	
Hyderabad	.41	..37	30	... 144	...120	
Kolkata	.12	..29	23	... 297	...182	
Lucknow	.14	..50	80	... 224	...203	
Mumbai	.27	245	81	... 145	...163	
Pune	.. —	..79	70	..... —	..... —	—
Visakhapatnam	.29	..30	37	 98	...114	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Motihari, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 419 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Dip in tobacco production sparks off competition among buyers; price reaches a 'historic' high

Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

Tobacco is fetching the farmers a record price across auction platforms in Karnataka; thanks to a substantial decline in its production on account of heavy rainfall this year.

Sources in the Tobacco Board told *The Hindu* that the tobacco crop is expected to be in the region of 62 million kg even though the crop size for the year 2022-23 was fixed at 100 million kg. "But, the farmers are more than happy. The price has exceeded their best expectations. Against an average price of ₹163 per kg they received last year, the farmers have got ₹225 per kg so far this year," said sources in the Tobacco Board.

In view of the dip in production, the competition among buyers particularly the exporters is at an all-time high, said B.V. Javare Gowda, President of Federation of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco Growers' Associations of Karnataka. "The demand for tobacco is high in the global market as the productivity has dipped even in Brazil and Zimbabwe, which are the two countries known for producing large quantities of tobacco in the world." The auctions at the ten platforms in the State, including eight in Mysuru district alone, began in October this year and are expected to continue till February 2023. The harvested tobacco is cured and graded by the growers in their barns before it is taken to the auction platforms. Even after rains destroyed a substantial portion of the crop this year, the farmers had more than made up for the loss in volumes from the "historic" high price, pointed out officials in the Tobacco Board.

The price of superior grade tobacco was reigning around ₹265 to ₹270 per kg. "Some farmers were holding back their produce in the hope that the price will breach the ₹300 mark," Mr. Gowda said. Last year, tobacco farmers had realised an average price of ₹163 per kg when the production surpassed the crop size of 97 million kg to reach 104 million kg.

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		1 A 8 G	Ashwathappa
		1 A 7 G	Lakshmidevamma
		2 A 2 G	Krishnamma
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CORRIGENDUM

In the Public Notice dated 09-11-2022 it shown as Mr. MOHAMMED IRFAN SHAIKH S/o. Mr.Mohammad Gulzar Shaikh has lost the document Instead it should be read as "Mr. MOHAMMED IRFAN SHAIKH S/o. Mr.Mohammad Gulzar Shaikh has entered into agreement to purchase schedule property and that Yasmeen @ Iqbalunissa W/o Mr.Mohammed Shanawaz Khan has lost the documents "

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice is given on behalf of my client Mrs.B.R.Nagasmitha daughter of B.K.Rajarao, 35,Majestic Colony, Valasaravakkam, Chennai 600 087. My client father Mr B.K. Rajarao was absolute owner of the property comprised in Survey No. 173/1 of Plot No 35, measuring an extent 2400 Sq.ft., Majestic Colony, Valasaravakkam Village, Saidapet Taluk, presently Maduravoyal Taluk, Chennai District. My client has lost the following original documents related to the property listed below:

1] Original Title Deed, registered on 10.7.78 under document no 1897 of 1978 have registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kodambakkam

2] Agreement of Sale executed between the vendor (S Chandrasekar) and the absolute owner (B K Rajarao) on 09 June 2001,

3] General Power of Attorney registered under Document 924 of 2001, Book 4, Volume 238, Pages 109 to 172 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Virugambakkam

4] Original Patta bearing No. 1596 of title deed indicating ownership of Mr.B K Rajarao as the land owner

and in view of the loss of the aforesaid Original Title Documents, by the said Mrs. B R Nagasmitha, if any one is in possession of the aforesaid title documents or if anyone is having any claim similar to mortgage, security or charge on the aforesaid property on the basis of the aforesaid documents they can lodge their claims if any with necessary documentary proof to B R Nagasmitha (Mailing address 70, Sankalp, 5th Cross, 1st Main, J C Nagar, Mahalakshmipuram,Bangalore 560086), within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which my Client will proceed with the sale of the property and thereafter no claim whatsoever and from whomsoever will be entertained.

The above listed documents have been formally reported as lost in the official website of Karnataka State Police and the loss report number is: 0380968/2022 Dated: 10-11-2022.

Public is hereby cautioned that any such accidental or mistaken possession of the document will not give any right to any person to deal with the property and in case any such transaction is made, the same will not bind my client.

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From Page One

MBBS in Hindi lost in transliteration?

"The aim is to ensure that students who have finished their schooling in regional languages are able to make a smooth transition into the tough medical graduation programme," Mr. Sarang added.

Madhya Pradesh plans to make textbooks in Devanagari script available to all the 13 government and 11 private medical colleges. The State is working to add transliterated textbooks for second year MBBS students as well.

So far, two other State Governments – Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand – have also promised to offer MBBS programmes in regional languages.

State's responsibility

Chamu Krishna Shastry, chairman of the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, said that education is a State subject, and it is the mandate of the State governments to get textbooks translated.

Each State has Granth Academies, which are mandated with the translation of textbooks in higher education. There are a total of 22 Granth Academies across the country. Apart from this, State Sahitya Academies are also involved in translation of textbooks of higher education. Until 1985, the University Grants Commission was involved in aiding translations. However, the scheme was stopped after that.

At the Central level, the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) brings out glossaries and dictionaries of scientific terms. Working under the aegis of the Education Ministry, the Commission is supposed to collaborate with State governments, universities, regional textbook boards and State Granth Academies to produce university-level textbooks and reference materials in Hindi and other Indian languages with the use of standard terminology as evolved by the CSTT.

"Till date, CSTT has standardised the terminology of about eight lakh technical terms in different subjects and in different languages," said the Commission's chairperson Girinath Jha. However, as far as medical terminology is concerned, the CSTT has only translated about 60,000 words so far.

Latin medical terms, a key issue

One of the key issues flagged by doctors is that a lot of medical terms are not really in English, but in Latin. "In basic science, most of the terms are in Latin. Additionally, learning in medicine is a continuous process, and is done through conference research papers, lectures, seminars etc. Currently 99.99% of this is in English and especially when it comes to overseas or Indian faculty, they all teach in English. So, students training in native languages will be at a distinct disadvantage. In the long run, this will have an adverse effect on patient care," said Rajeev Jayadevan, senior consultant gastroenterologist, professor, and former president of the Indian Medical Association in Cochin.

Doctors who have studied MBBS in English-medium programmes after having completed their schooling in regional languages emphasised that uniformity of language is vital.

"It takes a year to make the transition to English language. But after that, since all the education, tests, research papers and seminars are in this language, the progress is steady. The regional language option is a stop-gap arrangement," said Dr. Rahul Chakravarty, president of the Association of Resident Doctors at PGI Chandigarh. "Besides, in case we want to work outside India or even interstate, studying in a regional language doesn't help in any way. We may also have to clear a language proficiency test in English to work abroad."

Voters brave cold, snow to record 73.6% polling

"There were around 130 polling booths in tribal areas of Lahaul-Spiti, Chamba and a few in Kinnaur Assembly constituency which were affected by snow," he said.

The highest turnout of 85.2% was reported from the Doon constituency and the lowest of 62.53% from Shimla.

In an early morning message to voters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged them to enthusiastically participate in the "festival of democracy" and register a voting record. In a tweet, Mr. Modi also greeted young voters who will be exercising their franchise for the first time.

Chief Minister Jairam Thakur echoed Mr. Modi and said every vote will help build a prosperous Himachal Pradesh.

Mr. Thakur also addressed the Prime Minister in a separate tweet and said there was a lot of enthusiasm among voters.

Enthusing voters to back the Congress, former party president Rahul Gandhi also asked them to turn out in large numbers and make their contribution to the progress and prosperous future of the State. "Himachal will vote for OPS (old pension scheme), Himachal will vote for employment, Himachal will vote for *Har Ghar Lakshmi*," he said.

Effective monitoring

Overall, 7,884 polling stations were set up in the State for the 55.25 lakh voters. A total of 412 candidates are in the fray, of which 24 are women.

For real-time monitoring of the entire polling process, 3,960 polling stations were covered through live webcasting with continuous monitoring at the State, district and Assembly constituency-level control rooms.

(With PTI inputs)

'We want G-20 heads to meet, solve issues'

Indonesian Ambassador to India Ina Krisnamurthi says her country does not 'intervene' to ensure any bilateral meetings take place during the Bali summit, and had not been intimated about the possibility of any meeting between Modi and Xi on the sidelines of the meeting

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

While Indonesia is encouraging all G-20 leaders to meet and resolve issues at the upcoming summit in Bali, no information has yet been received on any plans for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the Indonesian Ambassador to India, Ina Krisnamurthi, said on Satuday.

Speaking to the *The Hindu* on the eve of the summit, Ambassador Ina Krisnamurthi said that Indonesia and India have been working closely together on developing the G-20 agenda for the "Global South". The G-20 forum of the world's largest economies will be steered by emerging economies for the near future: Indonesia this year, India in 2023 and Brazil in 2024.

"At the summit level, we always want the leaders to meet, because the principle of hosting these events is to maintain dialogue, to maintain discussions in whatever format – trilateral or bilateral or multilateral. If there is no dialogue, then how can any issues between them be resolved," said Ambassador Krisnamurthi.

On Sunday, all eyes will be on the meeting between U.S. President Joseph Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping. However, the Ambassador said that as host, Indonesia does not "intervene" to ensure any bilateral meetings take place, and had not been intimated about the possibility of any meeting between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi on the sidelines of the G-20. Mr. Modi is due to arrive in Bali after an overnight travel from Delhi on Sunday, and will return to Delhi on Tuesday. During the summit, Mr. Modi will accept a handover from Indonesian President Joko Widodo, as India assumes presidency of the G-20 process from December.

SUHASINI HAIDAR

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> **INA KRISNAMURTHI**
> Ambassador of Indonesia to India

"On the sidelines of the summit, Prime Minister will hold bilateral meetings with some of his counterparts. Prime Minister will also address and interact with the Indian community in Bali," the Ministry of External Affairs had announced, though officials said the exact number of bilateral meetings was still under discussion.

Much of the interest surrounds any possible interaction between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi, given the continuing stand-off at the Line of Actual Control, and the fact that the two leaders have not spoken to each other in three years. Mr. Modi is expected to meet with Mr. Biden, and is likely to have pull-aside meetings with the newly appointed U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, French President Emanuel Macron, and Saudi Prime Minister and Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, who cancelled a visit to Delhi on Sunday due to scheduling issues. Russian President Vladimir Putin confirmed last week that he would not attend the G-20 summit, given the war in Ukraine, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has been invited to address the grouping via video conference. The Presidents of Brazil and Mexico will also not attend the summit due to election processes in their countries, officials said.

Asked about the uncertainty over a joint communique being issued at the G-20 and threats of a boycott by western countries in case Mr. Putin was attending, Ms. Krisnamurthi said that Indonesia had "maintained its priorities even after the war in Ukraine", which was to ensure that the G-20 grouping remains the "primary economic engagement".

"Our focus is on post-pandemic economic recovery as well as the disruption of global value chains. We have maintained our priorities, even after the war in Ukraine, although many believe that we need to shift that focus, because Indonesia maintains its belief that the three priorities most relevant are the future of the world, the future of the earth, and the future of the Global South (emerging economies)," Ms. Krisnamurthi told.

Two workers shot at in Anantnag

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Two non-local workers were shot at and injured in south Kashmir's Anantnag on Saturday evening. The J&K police said terrorists fired upon and injured two outside labourers in Rakh-Momin area. The police could not identify the victims or the attackers.

J&K bans sale, use of electric heating tools

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The District Magistrate of Ganderbal, Shaymbir Singh, on Saturday imposed a blanket ban on the sale, storage and use of electric heating appliances, at a time when the night temperature in Kashmir Valley dips to sub-zero. The move has evoked criticism from regional parties.

India supports ASEAN-centrality in the Indo-Pacific region: Dhankhar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India supports ASEAN-centrality in the evolving regional architecture in the Indo-Pacific region, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar said at the 19th ASEAN-India summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia which is commemorating the 30th anniversary of the India-ASEAN dialogue.

During the summit, the delegations declared the establishment of the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and reaffirmed the importance of "freedom of navigation and overflight" in the strategically important region.

"The cultural, economic and civilisational ties that have existed between India and Southeast Asia since time immemorial provided the strong foundation to build our partnership in modern times from a sectoral partnership in 1992 to a comprehensive strategic partnership in 2022," said Vice-President Dhankhar.

Vietnam's Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh with Jagdeep Dhankhar at a meeting during the ASEAN Summit on Saturday. AFP

A Joint Statement issued on the occasion recognised the importance of "unimpeded lawful maritime commerce" saying that disputes should be resolved by following "universally recognised principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and the relevant standards and recommended practices by the International Aviation Organisation (ICAO), and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

Both sides also agreed to intensify maritime cooperation including anti-piracy operations, armed robbery against ships, maritime safety, search and rescue (SAR) operations, humanitarian assistance, and emergency response and relief.

Enhanced collaboration

Among other security measures, both sides announced plans to enhance collaboration against "terrorism and transnational crimes including international economic crimes and money laundering, cybercrime, drugs and human trafficking and arms smuggling." "Military medicine" is also an area that drew attention during the deliberation.

Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in the space sector including "through the establishment of Tracking, Data reception and Processing Stations in Vietnam and Indonesia". India and ASEAN agreed to expedite the review of the ASEAN-India Trade In Goods Agreement (AITIGA) to render it "trade-facilitative".

As part of maintaining "ASEAN-centrality", the two sides reaffirmed the importance of deepening dialogue and coordination through ASEAN-led mechanisms including the ASEAN-India Summit, the East Asia Summit, the Post-Ministerial Conference with India (PMC+1), the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), and the Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF).

'A small chunk of flesh I wish to give away to my father'

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Rohini Acharya has confirmed media reports that she intends to donate one of her kidneys to her septuagenarian father, the ailing Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad, tweeting on Friday. Mr. Prasad plans to get a kidney transplant in Singapore, where Ms. Acharya and her family are based.

"It is just a small chunk of flesh that I wish to give away to my father. I can do anything for him. Please pray that things turn out well and Papa is fit again to give voice to you all," tweeted Ms. Acharya.

Mr. Prasad, 74, is suffering from multiple ailments and recently had gone to Singapore for preliminary investigations of his chronic renal problems. Currently on bail after his conviction in several fodder scam cases, Mr. Prasad has been undergoing treatment at the Delhi-based AIIMS for multiple diseases.

West Bengal Minister Giri's comments on Murmu draw criticism

Shiv Sahay Singh
NEW DELHI

The remarks created outrage in political circles; BJP workers hit the streets demanding action

West Bengal Minister of State for Correctional Home Administration, Akhil Giri on Saturday came under severe criticism for making a controversial remark on President Droupadi Murmu.

In a video clip that has gone viral on social media, the Minister and Trinamool Congress MLA from Ramnagar is heard commenting on the looks of the President Droupadi Murmu. The remark was made at a public meeting at Nandigram on Friday evening.

"They [BJP] said that I am not good-looking. We don't judge anyone by their appearance. We respect the office of the President [of India]. But how does our President look?" the Minister is heard saying.

On Saturday, Mr. Giri apologised for the remarks. "If someone thinks I have disrespected the President, then it is wrong. I apologise for making such a remark. I have immense respect for the President of our country," the Minister said. Mr. Giri said that his remarks were in response to what BJP leaders including Suvendu Adhikari were saying while verbally attacking him.

However, Mr. Giri has made similar remarks against the President in the past. A video of the Trinamool leader making similar comments on the last week of October also surfaced later in the day.

The remarks by Mr. Giri have created outrage in the political and social circles. BJP supporters took to the streets in Kolkata demanding action against the Minister. The State unit of BJP alleged that "Mamata Banerjee and Trinamool are anti-tribal.

(*With PTI inputs*)

Saudi PM puts off Delhi visit; officials cite 'scheduling' difficulties on both ends

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman cancelled a planned visit to Delhi on Sunday due to "scheduling issues" on both sides, according to sources. While the visit was not officially announced, it has been under planning for several weeks, after External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had delivered a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September, inviting the Saudi Prince.

Officials confirming the cancellation said both Mr. Salman and Mr. Modi are expected to meet in Bali for the G-20 summit beginning Monday, and the Saudi Prince will reschedule his visit to Delhi in the near future.

According to officials involved in the planning, Mr. Salman was due to make a half-day visit to Delhi to discuss a number of issues, including energy cooperation, oil trade and investment in renewable energy projects in India, as well as other areas of infrastructure investment by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This would also have been the first such visit since Riyadh protested at remarks on Prophet Muhammed made by a BJP spokesperson in May this year, and Mr. Salman's travel to India was expected to indicate the strength in bilateral ties despite the controversy.

Mohammed bin Salman

During this tour, Mr. Salman was due to travel to India, Indonesia for the G-20, South Korea for a bilateral visit, Thailand for the APEC summit, and South Korea. According to Pakistani officials, he was also expected to travel to Pakistan on November 21, which has now been put off to be "rescheduled" as well.

Tight schedule

According to sources, Mr. Modi's schedule has also been busy due to campaigning in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. As a result, he was unable to visit Cambodia on Saturday for the ASEAN-India commemorative summit marking 30 years of ties as well as the announcement of an upgradation of relations to a Strategic Comprehensive Partnership, and Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar officiated instead.

The officials said that given the busy schedules of both leaders, as well as the short period available for them to meet, they decided to put off the visit to when more "substantive" outcomes could be achieved.

India to host 'No Money For Terror' conference

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs will be organising the Third Ministerial 'No Money For Terror' conference next week where participants from around 75 countries are expected to attend.

The conference will be held in Delhi on November 18-19 after a gap of two years due to the travel restrictions imposed after the COVID-19 pandemic.

A statement by the Ministry said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be participating in the conference and will convey India's determination in its fight against terrorism as well as its support systems for achieving success against it.

Discussions at the conference will be focussed on global trends in terrorism and terrorist financing, use of formal and informal channels of funds for terrorism, emerging technologies, and requisite international co-operation to address related challenges.

For AAP, is it beginner's luck or curse?

While the party gives Muslim voters in Gujarat hope and another option in the hitherto bipolar politics in the State, the majority of the community is not ready just yet to put their faith in the untested entity, though some find the party's campaigns to be reassuring

Sobhana K. Nair
RAJKOT

The high-voltage campaign by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has opened up the bipolar and almost linear politics of Gujarat, especially for the Muslim electorate that has largely stood by the Congress, though the grand old party has been unable to dislodge the BJP from power for the past 27 years.

While the AAP gives them hope andan option, the majority of the voters of the community are just yet not ready to put their faith in the untested entity.

Poll promises: The AAP has promised 12 hours of power supply for irrigation. Farmers have been complaining of irrigation troubles and power cuts. VIJAY SONEJI

In the urban centres, the Muslim voter appears to be more enthused about the prospect of having a third horse in the race. "From the time I was born, the BJP alone has ruled the State and our families have voted for the Congress. What has the Congress done? The Congress MLAs switch sides at will for the highest bidder," Aslam Akhani, who runs a food stall at the Morbi market, says. The attack by the 27-year-old was directed at Congress leader Brijesh Merja, who won from the Morbi Assembly constituency in 2017 only to switch to the BJP midway.

Rahim Khan, an autorickshaw driver, is far less articulate. He mumbles his support for the AAP party simply because he does not see the Congress coming to power at the Centre.

While the AAP is also currently only in power in two States in the country, he finds their voluble campaign far more reassuring.

A distance away in the Wakaner Assembly constituency, Arif Messaniah is reticent about his political choices. As he stacks up bales of the jowar crop, he speaks about the irrigation troubles and the erratic power supply (for agricultural connections). But at the end of the litany of complaints, he slips in his fear that the AAP party, after all, is an alien to this political landscape. When the need arises, where would he go searching for the AAP's candidate, he asks.

The recall value of the AAP's candidate is also low as compared with the far more entrenched Congress and BJP leaders in the fray. Yakub Bhai Sherasiya, a cotton mill owner in Lalpara village, is reluctant to reveal his political affiliations, but expresses similar scepticism about the AAP's non-existing organisation

It is not unfamiliarity or lack of presence on the ground, many are also scoffing at AAP's freebie model

in the area. For him, the AAP leaders are at best just television entities.

Though the rural voter might not share the euphoria about the AAP like their urban counterparts, one cannot dismiss the party entirely. There are stray voices, though far milder, which gingerly express their support for the new entrant.

In Wakaner, Hussain Bhai Baddi disagrees that the AAP is noisy. "They are not noisy, they deliver whatever they promise."

His daughter, who recently visited Delhi, has witnessed it first-hand.

"This time I shall vote for *jhadu* (broom, the AAP's election symbol) to clean up all the muck," he murmurs.

Voices like his, though not numerous, could tilt the scales against the Congress.

In Wakaner, for example, the Congress's Mohammad Javed Peerzada won by a margin of only 1,300 votes in the 2017 election. Mr. Peerzada has been fielded again, and if stray voices like Mr. Baddi's grow, he could find himself in trouble.

For now though, the sceptics continue to outnumber the believers. Sixty kilometres away, at Gondal market, Jawahar Dawood Lotia, waves off the AAP as a "Delhi *ka item* (item from Delhi)".

It is not just unfamiliarity or its lack of presence on the ground, many are also scoffing at the AAP's freebie model.

Abdul Gaffar, who runs a plastic furniture shop at Dhoraji Market, says, "I may advertise that with the purchase of x amount of furniture, I will give two chairs free. But do I really sell these chairs for free? As an astute businessman, I will adjust the cost elsewhere. Similarly for the AAP, if they promise us free electricity, free this and free that, we also need to see, where and how are they are planning to adjust this cost."

Cong. undertakes 'political review' on EWS quota

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Amid growing opposition from South Indian States over the Supreme Court verdict on reservation for Economic Weaker Sections (EWS), the Congress has started a "political review" of its position on the issue.

A source said party president Mallikarjun Kharge has spoken to former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram to examine the "social and political" impact of the judgment, while senior advocate and Rajya Sabha member Abhishek Singhvi has been tasked with studying the finer legal points. Once the internal review is over, the party will take a call on whether it will undertake a legal review, the source said.

Though the Congress had earlier welcomed the verdict to provide 10% reservation to the EWS category, the party has been forced to relook after pushback from key allies.

"...the Congress had supported the Constitution Amendment Bill in Parliament even as it had demanded a JPC (Joint Parliamentary Committee) on it. But it was pushed through keeping the Lok Sabha elections in mind. The Congress party is now studying them in detail," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told presspersons on Saturday.

That there were divergent views on the subject was clear from Tuesday's tweets by Mr. Chidambaram. In a tweet last Tuesday, he asked: "The powerful dissent of the two Honourable judges underlined the truth that the basic structure of the Indian Constitution did not permit exclusion [of SC, STS and OBCs]. . The moot question is 'will the poor be treated equally under the Constitution?'"

Asked if the Congress is having a rethink, Mr. Ramesh said, "I won't call it rethink but a deep think. While we are a national party, we have to be respectful to the concerns of several States. We have to work out a balance."

Rahul may not attend Winter Session due to Bharat Jodo Yatra

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi is unlikely to attend the Winter Session of Parliament because of the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra, the party said on Saturday.

The Winter Session is likely to commence in the first week of December and conclude by the end of the month.

Sources said there is a proposal before the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs to hold the session between December 7 and 29, sources said on Friday.

Asked whether party MPs who are walking in the Bharat Jodo Yatra will attend the session, Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh said it is unlikely that Mr. Gandhi, a Lok Sabha member, and three other Rajya Sabha members including K.C. Venugopal, Digvijaya Singh and him will be attending it.

Mr. Ramesh said these MPs have been consistently walking in the Kanniyakumari-to-Kashmir *padayatra* and would accordingly inform the Speaker and the Chairman about their inability to attend the upcoming session.

He further said that the Bharat Jodo Yatra has completed about half of its 3,570 km distance and covered 28 districts across six States and is currently in Maharashtra. The Bharat Jodo Yatra is likely to enter Madhya Pradesh on November 21 or 22.

India's film stars from the 1980s reunite

The Hindu Bureau

Every year, leading film stars from the 1980s catch up for an evening to celebrate their friendship and camaraderie.

After a break due to the pandemic, this group reunited in Mumbai on Saturday evening to continue their annual fun-filled tradition. Nearly 25 leading film personalities from the South flew to Mumbai for the 11th edition of this reunion, which was hosted by Bollywood actors Jackie Shroff and Poonam Dhillon. Chiranjeevi, Sarathkumar, K. Bhagyaraj, Suhasini Maniratnam, Khushboo and Ramya Krishnan were among the stars who attended. Held at a venue decked out in Maharashtrian style and serving delicacies with a local flavour, the reunion saw many actors from the South performing to a medley while also participating in some fun games and quizzes put together by Poonam Dhillon.

Flashback time: Film stars of the 1980s at their reunion in Mumbai on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Actors from Bollywood, including Anil Kapoor, Anupam Kher, Raj Babbar, Meenakshi Seshadri, Tina Ambani and Madhoo, participated.

Keeping with tradition, this year's do had a colour theme. While the leading ladies sported silver and orange, the men sported grey and orange. Earlier editions have also seen Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan and Mohanlal in attendance.

Suhasini Maniratnam, who introduced the concept along with actor Lissy back in 2009, told *The Hindu*, "There's a lot of reason to celebrate now, with films doing well at the box office and audiences going back to the theatres. It's time to revive and celebrate the power of cinema."

The 1980s group last met in 2019 during its 10th year reunion at Telugu star Chiranjeevi's residence in Hyderabad.

Congress promises one million govt. jobs, dole and free power in Gujarat

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

A million government jobs, free electricity of up to 300 units, the old pension scheme for government employees, medical insurance of ₹10 lakh for every individual and ₹4 lakh compensation for the families of those who died in the COVID-19 pandemic are some of the promises the Opposition party in Gujarat has offered in its manifesto declared on Saturday.

In the manifesto, the party, which has been out of power in the State for more than two decades, also promised unemployment allowance of ₹3,000 a month, ₹2,000 pension to specially-abled persons, widows, senior citizens and needy women, and waiver of loans of up to ₹3 lakh to all fishermen and farmers. "It's our commitment to the people of the State. This document will be made the official document of the government if the party is voted to power," Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot told the media while releasing the manifesto.

The Congress has been banking on attracting OBCs, STs, SCs and minorities in a bid to take on BJP, which has a robust base in the urban areas and cities, but is not equally strong in hinterland and villages.

Activist asks EC to stay sale of electoral bonds

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the run-up to the Gujarat Assembly polls, transparency campaigner and RTI activist Commodore Lokesh Batra (retd.) on Saturday filed a complaint with Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, demanding a stay on the 'unscheduled sale' of electoral bonds. This sale, enabled by an amendment to the Electoral Bond Scheme, 2018 by the Centre on November 7, came when the Model of Code of Conduct was in place for the Assembly elections and should be seen as a violation, the complaint argued.

Office of the Superintending Engineer Water Resources Circle Bhilwara

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INBRIEF

Situation on LAC stable but unpredictable: Army chief

The situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China in eastern Ladakh is "stable but unpredictable", Army chief General Manoj Pande said on Saturday. He said five of the seven friction points had been resolved and the focus was now on the remaining two. "There are ongoing talks at the political, diplomatic and military level which have been going on between the two sides. Because of these talks, we have been able to find resolution for five of the seven friction points," he said at a seminar organised by the Chanakya Dialogues. General Pande said there was no major reduction in the strength of the People's Liberation Army troops along the LAC.

IPI-India awards go to The Print, Saurabh Shukla

The Print, a news portal, and Saurabh Shukla of the NDTV have been selected for the IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism, 2022. The Print has been recognised for a series of reports that exposed how hospitals, local bodies and governments in various States mismanaged the support system for the fight against COVID. Saurabh Shukla has been awarded for an entry on the exposure of hate speech made by religious men in Haridwar. The award comprises a cash prize of ₹1 lakh, a trophy and a citation, to each team. The selection was made by a distinguished jury of editors headed by Madan B. Lokur, former judge, Supreme Court.

Uttarakhand officials retract ban on Patanjali medicines

The Uttarakhand Ayurveda and Unani Services authority on Saturday retracted the order to ban the manufacture of five drugs by Patanjali-owned Divya Pharmacy. Patanjali welcomed the move, and said that some "ignorant, insensitive, and under-qualified officers" in the department had been tarnishing the entire tradition of Ayurveda. In a letter dated November 12, G.C.S Jangpangi, licence officer, Uttarakhand Ayurvedic and Unani Services, said that the department was amending its previous order of placing a ban on the production of five drugs, Madhugrit, Eyegrit Gold, Thyrogrit, BPgrit, and Lipidom.

J&K police lodge FIR against LeT over threat to journalists

The J&K police on Saturday lodged a first information report (FIR) against the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and its offshoot, the Resistance Front (TRF), hours after a threat post appeared online against a section of newspapers. "A case has been registered against the handlers, active terrorists and overground workers of terror outfit LeT and its offshoot TRF for online publication and dissemination of a direct threat letter to journalists and reporters based in Kashmir," a spokesman said. The FIR has been registered under Section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Secions 505, 153B, 124A and 506 of the IPC at the Shergarhi police station. The poster circulated online warned a section of newspapers and journalists.

Commuters shun the fast Mumbai water taxis for the high ticket rate

With round trips on one route priced as high as ₹800, commuters say cheaper, faster water transport modes are needed as alternatives to the congested land routes, but they don't prefer using the water taxis often because of the exorbitant cost

Sonam Saigal
MUMBAI

Water taxis are a welcome addition to the modes of transport available in traffic-heavy Mumbai, but commuters find it unaffordable for daily travel. On February 17, a water taxi service was started covering three routes, all starting at Belapur.

The service to the Mumbai Domestic Cruise Terminal (DCT) costs ₹200 one way, while the one to Elephanta Caves costs ₹750 for a round trip. The service to the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Transport (JNPT) in Navi Mumbai takes 35 minutes and costs ₹800 for a round trip.

"The Belapur to JNPT service is doing very well. Belapur to DCT – response is not coming as everyone wants to go to the Gateway of India. And Belapur to Elephanta is filling 80% capacity as it is full of tourists," Infinity Harbour Service partner Gurpreet Bakshi said.

Expensive travel: The newly launched high-speed catamaran 'Nayan XI' sails between Mumbai and Mandwa, near Alibag. PTI

Residents of Navi Mumbai, however, say that they will not be using the service often. "I took the water taxi once to go to work and come back home, but I can't afford to do it every day," said advocate Vishwas Ingale, 36, who lives in Belapur and works in an office at Kala Ghoda. "It is definitely a stress-free experience when you compare it with the local trains. But it drops you off at Mazgaon, so I have to take a taxi or bus to reach my office at Churchgate, which ends up taking the same time I would take in the train. So it does not check both the boxes of affordability and saving time."

Cecilia Rodriquez, 32, a chartered accountant who lives in Kharghar and works in Churchgate, said, "I will not use the water taxi for a regular journey. It is not as cost effective inspite of saving time. I would rather take the local train for a little over an hour. I will not mind taking it once a while."

Another water taxi from the DCT to Mandwa in Raigad district started from November 1 with three fixed time slots. However, due to less footfall, there is only two round trips running from November 10, said Atul Kala, consultant with Nayantara Shipping Private Limited.

"We have done 60 round trips in 10 days with less than 10% people travelling in the water taxi. The passenger seating capacity is 200 and the price is ₹400 for the executive class and ₹450 for the business class," he added.

Nitin Thakkar, 67, who runs an organic vegetable business and owns a two-acre plot of land in Mandwa, noted that there was already a ferry connecting the Gateway to Mandwa. He said, "I don't see the point behind the water taxi as there already is a ferry running perfectly fine connecting the two places. It is affordable and takes almost the same time."

Experts say that water taxis need to become a more affordable mode of mass transport.

"Water transport should be welcomed but it has to be affordable. It is not mass transport so it is not feasible for commuters. There does not seem to be any last-mile connectivity problem with any of the exit points," said Neera Adarkar, an architect and urbanist.

Murmu to visit Birsa Munda's village on November 15

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu will garland a statue of freedom fighter Birsa Munda at his birthplace at Ulihatu village in Jharkhand to mark the tribal leader's birth anniversary on November 15, Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda said on Saturday. Last year, the government decided to celebrate the day as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

She would attend a "mega event" planned in coordination with the Jharkhand government on November 15 at Khunti in Jharkhand, he said. "It is known that 30% of the world's tribal/indigenous population lives in India. No other country is home to such a high number of tribespeople. This is why we feel all the more pride as a nation that in front of the world, we are not only marking the empowerment of tribespeople in India through this event but also sending a message to the world - with the President of our country also from the tribal community," Mr. Munda said.

Preparations in full swing for a month-long Kashi-Tamil Sangamam

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Priests, cooks, and cow shelter staff from various temples in Tamil Nadu, alongside students, teachers and entrepreneurs from the State will participate in a month-long Kashi-Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi from November 16 to December 19.

Over 200 students above the age of 18 from various districts of Tamil Nadu will be among the 2,500 delegates at the event, apart from experts and opinion makers.

Delegates have been selected from a total of 12 categories – students, academia, literature, culture, professionals (law, management, medicine, media, engineering), entrepreneurs, business, artisans, heritage (art performers, yoga teachers, ayurveda doctors), spirituality, rural (farmers) and temple (priests, cooks, temple administrators, cow shelter workers).

Planning days: Dharmendra Pradhan inspecting the preparation at the Ravidas Ghat ahead of Kashi-Tamil Sangamam. PTI

Of the total 2,500 participants expected, a batch each with 210 delegates will arrive from Rameswaram, Chennai, and Coimbatore and will spend six days in Uttar Pradesh. This will include two days each in Varanasi, Ayodhya, and Prayagraj – considered to be holy by Hindus.

The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, which is overseeing the logistics along with Banaras Hindu University, is providing IT support for registration of participants and framing academic sessions and identifying resource persons. Its Director, V. Kamakoti, told *The Hindu* that efforts were being made to ensure participants were selected from across the State, and students were spread across disciplines such as engineering and law. "Preference will be given to those who have not been to Varanasi before," he said.

Tour plan

It has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the IRCTC for ferrying delegates from Tamil Nadu to Uttar Pradesh. "In Varanasi, the delegates will visit the Kashi-Vishwanath corridor which connects the Kashi Vishwanath temple with the different ghats. They will also see Ganga *aarti*, take a cruise on the river and visit the Sarnath temple," said Chamu Krishna Shastri, chairperson, Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, on whose proposal the Ministry of Education is conducting the event. They will visit other sites important to Tamils such as the house of Tamil poet Subramanya Bharathi in Varanasi.

The main venue will be Banaras Hindu University, which will host a fair. During the day, there will be an exhibition and workshops and seminars, and in the evening, there will be cultural programmes.

There will be 70 stalls at the exhibition, which will depict various facets of Tamil culture including its handicrafts, handlooms, food, language, literature, art forms. Similarly, there will also be exhibits showcasing "North Indian culture", says BHU Professor Harish Rathore.

Teacher shortage at Eklavya Schools will be fixed soon: Munda

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has sanctioned 688 EMR schools, out of which 392 are functional in the country

The administrative overhaul of the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), which is expected to solve the massive teacher shortage faced by Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) for tribal students, will be approved "very soon", Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda said on Saturday.

The Hindu reported in September that in the 378 EMRS functioning at the time, only about 4,000 teachers were employed (contractual, temporary and permanent) as against the 11,340 recommended by the NESTS.

Responding to questions on the delay in recruitment of teachers, he said that the administrative change to completely move teacher recruitment of EMRS to the Union government's control would be completed soon.

Joint Secretary Naval Jit Kapoor told *The Hindu*, "The process is at the most advanced stage with the expenditure department and once completed, the teacher recruitment process will become smooth without any problems." He added that once completed, they will be able to recruit 36,000 teachers for all 740 schools that are proposed to be sanctioned.

As of November, a total of 688 EMRS have been sanctioned, of which 392 are functional. However, officials at NESTS, the body that manages EMRS, have said that even after the Expenditure Department approves the process to overhaul the procedure to recruit teachers, it will take at least a couple of years for the effects to show.

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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Two sculptors cross swords over Netaji statue at India Gate

Anuj Kumar
NEW DELHI

After the lull imposed by the pandemic, Kartvyapath is attracting crowds all over again. One of the centres of attraction is the 28-foot-tall black granite statue of Subhas Chandra Bose placed under the canopy behind India Gate.

But, two artists are contesting over their share of contribution to the piece of art, which was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September.

After sculptor Arun Yogiraj, through a series of social media posts on Friday, contested the claim of artist Naresh Kumawat that he designed the model of the statue, both artists produced their respective work orders allotted by the National Gallery of Modern Art. Mr. Kumawat, in an interview with *The Hindu*, published on November 11, had said that he created a model of the statue before a team of craftsmen carved it in stone.

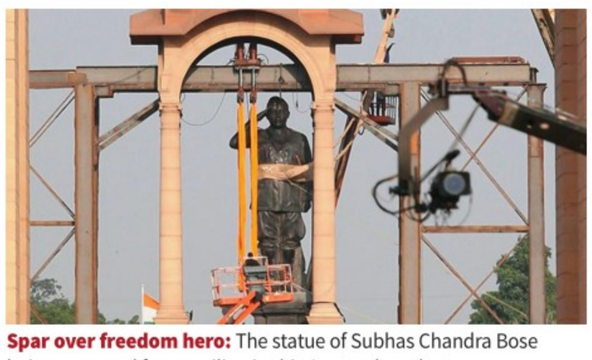
Two work orders

While the NGMA officials agreed that work orders were issued to the two artists, they refused to go into the claims and counter-claims made by the artists.

NGMA Director Adwait Gandanayak chose to remain silent on the subject. "I will check with the office," he said. With the NGMA not clearing the air, the dispute remains alive.

There is no dispute over Mr. Yogiraj leading the team of sculptors that carved the stone statue. *The Hindu*, in an article published on September 9, credited him with chiselling the statue.

Mr. Kumawat's assertion all along has been that Mr. Yogiraj worked on the model designed by him. In a video interview to the news agency ANI, conducted around the time of the unveiling in September, Mr. Kumawat said that "he considered himself lucky that he got an opportunity to design the model of Netaji's statue".



Spar over freedom hero: The statue of Subhas Chandra Bose being prepared for unveiling in this September photo.

On Saturday, Mr. Kumawat reiterated the claim and produced the work order. The order dated May 26, 2022, said that the NGMA was pleased to issue a work order to Matu Ram Art Centres, the company of Mr. Kumawat, for the making and supplying of solid models to the NGMA for the Netaji statue.

Earlier, Mr. Yogiraj posted his order issued by the NGMA on June 13, 2022. Addressed to Mr. Yogiraj's Kashyapa Shilpkala Niketan, it conveyed the approval of the competent authority for having "the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose carved in granite stone from your esteemed agency".

Mr. Kumawat held there were two work orders issued by the NGMA for building the statue. "One was for sculpting a model and another one was for carving it in stone. After days of research, which included taking inputs from the family of Netaji and the NGMA Director-General, Mr. Gandanayak, an acclaimed sculptor himself, we sculpted clay models and cast them in fibreglass for submission. One of these models was approved and given to the carving team to build the final statue in stone."

In a *Deccan Herald* article dated June 3, Mr. Yogiraj is quoted as saying that "the design of the statue would be provided by the NGMA". On Saturday, Mr. Yogiraj said he did not refer to anyone's model and that he created his own prototype for reference after extensive research. On the article, he said, "I was told that the Ministry wanted the salute pose of Netaji and I, accordingly, created a model. A sculptor of my standing doesn't need to copy or refer to anybody else's model. And I have documentary proof to show that Mr. Kumawat is misguiding people."

Asked about the work order issued to Mr. Kumawat, Mr. Yogiraj said it was something between Mr. Kumawat and the NGMA. "I can only guess that his models were rejected." One of the general conditions was that the models would be finalised after the approval of the Director-General, NGMA.

Mr. Kumawat said if his model was not approved, "why was I paid around ₹70 lakh for the work?"

While Mr. Kumawat provided a photocopy of the work order and photographs to show his involvement with the project, he could not share any proof of the payment made to him despite repeated assurances.

TEHRAN

326 killed in crackdown by Iran security forces, says rights group

Iranian security forces have killed at least 326 people, including 43 children and 25 women, in a crackdown on nationwide protests since Mahsa Amini's death in custody, the Oslo-based Iran Human Rights said. The latest toll represents an increase of 22 since the rights group issued its previous figures on November 5. REUTERS

MANAMA

Bahrain holds elections; rights groups slam 'repressive' climate

Bahrainis on Saturday voted in parliamentary elections held in an environment that rights groups described as "political repression" since the Gulf nation has dissolved the main Opposition groups and cracked down on dissent. Bahrain, a U.S. ally, has jailed thousands, including Opposition leaders, sometimes in mass trials. AFP

CAIRO

20 killed, eight injured as minibus falls into canal in northern Egypt

Twenty people were killed on Saturday when a minibus toppled into a canal in northern Egypt's Nile Delta, prosecutors said. Eight persons were injured in the accident, among them the driver. The police had arrested the driver after a preliminary drug test suggested he had been driving under the influence of narcotics. AFP

WASHINGTON

Donald Trump files lawsuit to avoid Jan. 6 committee subpoena

Donald Trump is suing the House committee investigating the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol to avoid cooperating with a subpoena requiring him to testify. The suit contends that, while former Presidents have voluntarily agreed to provide testimony in the past, "no President has ever been compelled to do so". AP

Ukrainian police, broadcasts return to Kherson; FM says the war goes on

The General Staff of Ukraine's armed forces say the Russians were fortifying their battle lines on the Dnipro river's eastern bank after abandoning the capital; about 70% of the Kherson region remains under Russian control

Associated Press
MYKOLAIV

Authorities say Ukrainian police officers and broadcasts are returning to the southern city of Kherson following the withdrawal of Russian troops after more than eight months of occupation.

The chief of the National Police of Ukraine, Ihor Klymenko, said in a Facebook post on Saturday that some 200 officers were at work in the city, setting up checkpoints and documenting evidence of possible war crimes.

Police teams also were working to identify and neutralise unexploded ordnance, and one sapper was injured on Saturday while demining an administrative building, Mr. Klymenko said.

Ukraine's communications watchdog said national TV and radio broadcasts had resumed in the city, and an adviser to Kherson's Mayor said humanitarian aid and supplies had begun to arrive from the neighboring Mykolaiv region.

Reason to rejoice: People gathered at the Independence Square in Kyiv on Saturday to celebrate the liberation of Kherson. GETTY IMAGES

Speaking on Ukrainian TV, the adviser, Roman Holovnya, described the situation in the city as "a humanitarian catastrophe." He said the remaining residents lacked water, medicine, and food.

The chairman of Khersonoblenergo, the region's prewar power provider, said electricity was being returned "to every settlement in the Kherson region immediately after the liberation and obtaining mandatory permission from the military."

Stabilisation measures

The Ukrainian military carried out "stabilisation measures" near the southern city of Kherson on Saturday following the end of an eight-month occupation by Russian forces, a retreat that cast a further pall on President Vladimir Putin's designs to take over large parts of Ukraine.

Residents of Kherson awoke from a night of jubilant celebrating that broke out in the city and surrounding areas after the Kremlin announced its troops had withdrawn to the other side of the Dnieper River.

In a regular social media update on Saturday, the General Staff of Ukraine's armed forces said the Russians were fortifying their battle lines on the river's eastern bank after abandoning the capital. About 70% of the Kherson region remains under Russian control.

Ukrainian officials from President Volodymyr Zelenskyy cautioned that while special military units had reached Kherson city, a full deployment to reinforce the advance troops still was under way.

"Even when the city is not yet completely cleansed of the enemy's presence, the people of Kherson themselves are already removing Russian symbols and any traces of the occupiers' stay in Kherson from the streets and buildings," Mr. Zelensky said in his nightly video address late on Friday.

Photos circulating on Saturday on social media showed Ukrainian activists removing memorial plaques put up by the occupation authorities the Kremlin installed to run the Kherson region. A Telegram post on the channel of Yellow Ribbon, a self-described Ukrainian "public resistance" movement, showed two persons in a park taking down plaques picturing what appeared to be Soviet-era military figures.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba sought to temper the excitement over the nation's latest morale boost. "We are winning battles on the ground, but the war continues," he said from Cambodia, where he was attending a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

At ASEAN summit, Biden promises countries that U.S. will work with them

Associated Press
PHNOM PENH

U.S. President Joe Biden promised on Saturday that his country would work with a strategically vital coalition of southeast Asian nations, telling leaders at the ASEAN summit that "we're going to build a better future that we all want to see" in the region where U.S. rival China is also working to expand its influence.

Citing the three Association of Southeast Asian Nations summits he has participated in as president, Mr. Biden said the 10-country bloc is "at the heart of my administration's Indo-Pacific strategy" and promised to collaborate to build a region that is "free and open, stable and prosperous, resilient and secure."

"I look forward to continuing our work together with ASEAN and with each one of you to deepen peace and prosperity throughout the region," Mr. Biden said, citing climate and health security among areas of collaboration.

Team work: Joe Biden, along with leaders of countries participating at the ASEAN summit, in Cambodia on Saturday. AFP

Mr. Biden's efforts at this year's ASEAN summit are meant to lay the groundwork for his highly anticipated meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Mr. Biden and Mr. Xi will meet on Monday at the Group of 20 summit, which is held this year in Indonesia.

Travelling to Phnom Penh earlier Saturday, U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Mr. Biden will raise issues such as freedom of navigation and illegal and unregulated fishing by China with the ASEAN leaders.

Mr. Biden opened on Saturday in Phnom Penh by meeting with Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of Cambodia, the host for the regional summit.

Another topic Mr. Biden focused on is Myanmar, where the military junta overthrew the ruling government in February 2021 and arrested its democratically elected leader, Aung San Suu Kyi.

Mr. Biden also raised human rights concerns in Cambodia. The White House said Mr. Biden urged the Prime Minister – an authoritarian ruler in a democratic nation – to "reopen civic and political space" before its elections.

Some countries have resisted 1.5°C goal in COP-27 text, says U.S.

Reuters
SHARM EL-SHEIKH

A few countries have resisted mentioning a global goal of limiting warming to 1.5°C in the official text of the COP-27 summit in Egypt, U.S. Special Climate Envoy John Kerry said at the conference on Saturday.

"You're absolutely correct. There are very few countries, but a few, that have raised the issue of not mentioning this word or that word," Mr. Kerry said when asked about opposition by some governments to mentioning the 1.5C target.

World governments agreed in 2015 during a UN summit in France to try to limit the average global temperature increase to 1.5°C, a deal dubbed the Paris Agreement that was seen as a breakthrough in international climate ambition.

Greenhouse gas emissions have been rising ever since, however, and scientists say the world risks missing the target without swift and deep cuts. Breaching the 1.5°C threshold risks unleashing the worst consequences of global warming.

Already, the world has warmed more than 1.1°C from the preindustrial average temperature – fueling extreme weather that is already delivering steep economic losses.

Larger cause: Protesters, including the sister of dissident Alaa Abdel-Fattah, protesting at the COP-27 venue in Egypt. GETTY IMAGES

Many developing countries have demanded the establishment of a "loss and damage" fund that could disperse cash to countries struggling to recover from disasters.

Mr. Kerry said the United States would not support establishing such a fund, and instead believed existing platforms should be used. "It's a well known fact that the U.S. and many other countries will not establish ... some sort of legal structure that is tied to compensation or liability. That's just not happening," he said.

Meanwhile, Mexico said it will strengthen its emissions-cutting efforts as part of a $48 billion renewable energy investment scheme with the United States.

Separately, chants of "free them all" and "no climate justice without human rights" rang out between the halls of COP27 Saturday, in the largest protest since the UN climate summit began.

Jailed Egyptian dissident Alaa Abdel Fattah's sister, Sanaa Seif, who is at the summit campaigning for her brother's release, marched in the front line with hundreds behind her.

Seven months into a hunger strike, Abdel Fattah began refusing water last Sunday, as world leaders arrived in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh for COP-27.

(with AFP inputs)

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Nawaz may return to Pakistan in Dec.

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif may end his self-exile in London and return to the country in December to lead his party in the next general election, a media report said on Saturday.

On Friday, it was reported that the 72-year-old three-time former Prime Minister was given a diplomatic passport by the PMN-L party-led government.

A PML-N party insider, privy to the matter, has expressed confidence that Mr. Sharif will finally return in December but said the long-anticipated homecoming will not signal the government's intentions to concede on the issue of early elections as demanded by Imran Khan, the Opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

The rumors that Mr. Sharif would return only close to elections to run a campaign were not true "as his return does not in any way means that PML-N has agreed to any early elections", *The Express Tribune* newspaper quoted the party source as saying on the condition of anonymity.

The former Prime Minister is living in a self-exile in London since 2019. In December 2018, he was sentenced to seven years in jail on charges of corruption.

Sunak's choice of Cabinet picks lands him in trouble

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak faced new questions on Saturday over his choice of senior officials after his number two was accused of behaving aggressively towards staff.

The controversy over Dominic Raab, who is Deputy Prime Minister and justice secretary, came after fellow Sunak ally Gavin Williamson was forced out of the new government because of alleged bullying.

Mr. Raab, Mr. Sunak's most vocal supporter in the summer Conservative leadership race against Liz Truss, was brought back into the Cabinet when Ms. Truss was forced out as Prime Minister after just six weeks.

Mr. Sunak restored him to his previous role of Justice Secretary, where he had presided over a "culture of fear", according to the *Guardian* newspaper.

Some 15 senior civil servants at the ministry were offered a "route out" to different government jobs if they felt unable to serve under Mr. Raab because of his past behaviour, it said.

The Sun newspaper meanwhile reported that Mr. Raab had once hurled tomatoes from a salad across a room in a fit of anger during a meeting – which a spokesman for the minister said was "nonsense".

More generally, the spokesman said: "Dominic has high standards, works hard, and expects a lot from his team as well as himself.

Mr. Sunak was already under fire for reappointing Mr. Williamson to a ministerial.

The Prime Minister also faced criticism for reinstating Suella Braverman as Interior Minister.

The Opposition Labour party pointed to those controversies as it termed the latest accusations "deeply troubling".

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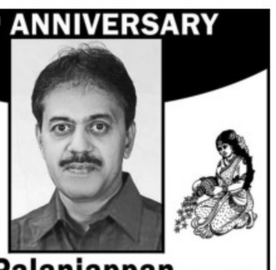

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4. Other details will be available in the web site **tendersorissa.gov.in** .

Municipal Commissioner,
Rourkela Municipal Corporation
C-1547: OIPR-13131/11/0133/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, SALAPADA IRRIGATION CIRCLE, SALAPADA, KEONJHAR
E-mail- acesicsalapada@gmail.com
Bid identification No- ACESIC-02/2022-23 : 'e' - PROCUREMENT NOTICE

1	Nature of the Works	:	Road Work
2	No of works	:	14 (Fourteen)
3	Value of Works (Excluding GST)	:	Rs.259.32 Lakh to 635.60 Lakh
5	Period of Completion	:	9 (Nine) Calendar Months
6	Class of Contractors	:	A & B
7	Procurement Officer	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Salapada Irrigation Circle, Salapada, Keonjhar - 758020
9	Availability of tender for On-line bidding	:	From 11.00 hrs of 14.11.2022 to 30.11.2022 up to 15.00 hrs
10	Last date and time of seeking tender clarification	:	23.11.2022 up to 15.00 hrs
11	Pre Bid Meeting		On Dated 25.11.2022 at 11.30 Hrs in the O/o the Additional Chief Engineer, Salapada Irrigation Circle, Salapada, Keonjhar - 758020.
10	Date and time of Opening of Technical Bid	:	01.12.2022 at 11.00 hrs

Further details conditions can be seen from the Govt. web site **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**
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Personalised cell 'editing' used to treat cancer patients: study

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Scientists have, for the first time, used the CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) technology to insert genes that allow immune cells to attack cancer cells, potentially leaving normal cells unharmed and increasing the effectiveness of immunotherapy.

The CRISPR gene editing technique has been previously used in humans to remove specific genes to allow the immune system to be more activated against cancer.

The research, published in the journal *Nature*, used CRISPR to not only take out specific genes, but also to insert new ones in immune cells efficiently redirecting them to recognise mutations in the patient's own cancer cells.

When infused back to patients, these CRISPR-engineered immune cells preferentially traffic to the cancer and become the most represented immune cells there, the researchers said.

Cell therapy

The human immune system has specific receptors on immune cells that can specifically recognise cancer cells and differentiate them from normal cells.

These are different for every patient, so finding an efficient way to isolate cancer cells and insert them back into immune cells to generate a personalised cell therapy to treat cancer is key to making the approach feasible on a large scale.

The researchers found an efficient way to isolate these immune receptors from the patient's own blood.

After isolation, the immune receptors are used to redirect immune cells to recognise cancer using the CRISPR gene editing.

"This is a leap forward in developing a personalised treatment for cancer, where the isolation of immune receptors that specifically recognise mutations in the patient's own cancer are used to treat the cancer," said Antoni Ribas from the University of California, U.S., and a corresponding author of the research paper.

"The generation of a personalised cell treatment for cancer would not have been feasible without the newly developed ability to use the CRISPR technique to replace the immune receptors in clinical-grade cell preparations in a single step," he added.

The researchers report treating as many as 16 patients with a variety of solid cancers including colon, breast and lung cancers.

'Substantial' pre-symptomatic monkeypox spread found

Case-contact patient pairs study has estimated 53% of monkeypox virus transmission occurred during the pre-symptomatic phase

R. Prasad

There is now more evidence for pre-symptomatic transmission of monkeypox virus. A study published recently in BMJ, which involves a larger cohort, found that pre-symptomatic transmission had taken place as long as four days before symptoms manifested. The researchers have estimated that 53% of monkeypox virus transmission have occurred during the pre-symptomatic phase.

Pre-symptomatic transmission of monkeypox virus will mean that many infections cannot be prevented by isolating people showing symptoms. Also, the effectiveness of contact tracing and subsequent quarantine will not be sufficient to break the transmission chain since by the time all the contacts have been traced, they might have already spread the virus to other people.

"Pre-symptomatic transmission has implications for vaccination strategies and the feasibility of disease elimination," Dr. Boghuma K. Titanji, a physician-scientist at Emory University in Atlanta, said in a tweet.

Previously, two smaller studies – published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* and *Nature Medicine* – had found evidence of such transmission before symptoms showed up. "The smaller studies are more what one would call a signal. They were too small to be considered solid evidence of this phenomenon. [This] paper is really compelling with a much more robust sample size," she tweeted.

Growing evidence for pre-symptomatic spread

Two smaller studies had earlier found evidence of monkeypox transmission before symptoms showed up

Limitations: The latest study has relied on self-reported data such as the symptom onset date and contact tracing to identify case-contact pairs. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

- A cohort of 13 case-contact patient pairs with detailed individual-level patient data were used for the study
- The researchers first set out to find the mean incubation period and mean serial interval using two models
- The mean incubation period was 7.6 days in one model and 7.8 days in the other. The mean serial interval was 8 days in one model and 9.5 days in the other
- The median serial interval was 0.3-1.7 days shorter than the median incubation period, providing crucial evidence for pre-symptomatic spread
- Pre-symptomatic transmission can take place in specific high intensity interactions such as sexual contacts
- Pre-symptomatic transmission of monkeypox virus will mean that many infections cannot be prevented by simply isolating people who show symptoms
- The study suggests that many infections cannot be prevented by isolating symptomatic people
- Post-exposure or ring vaccination of contacts identified only through individuals with symptoms could be inadequate; pre-exposure vaccination is necessary at least for some high-risk groups

Detailed study

The contact tracing study of 2,746 individuals who tested positive for the monkeypox virus in the U.K. between May 6 and August 1, 2022 has linked data on case-contact pairs and on probable exposure dates together with modelling to determine pre-symptomatic transmission.

The researchers first set out to find the mean incubation period and mean serial interval using two models. Serial interval is the time from illness onset in the primary case to illness onset in the secondary case. They found the mean incubation period to be 7.6 days in one model and 7.8 days in the other, and the mean serial interval to be 8 days in one model and 9.5 days in the other.

The most important finding was that the median serial interval was 0.3-1.7 days shorter than the median incubation period. This provides evidence that transmissions were happening even before symptoms showed up.

In a cohort of 13 case-contact patient pairs with detailed individual-level patient data – symptom onset date in the primary case, date of exposure in contacts, and the incubation period –10 out of 13 linked patients had documented pre-symptomatic transmission.

According to the researchers, pre-symptomatic transmission can take place in "specific high intensity interactions such as sexual contacts where lower pre-symptomatic viral loads are infectious".

In the endemic countries in Africa, people were infected with monkeypox virus by coming in contact with infected animals. Human-to-human transmission occurred only occasionally and was largely restricted to household contacts. Human-to-human transmission prolonging over a few generations were rare if not absent. But the virus spread outside Africa this year has primarily been due to human-to-human spread and the transmission during prolonged sexual contact among men who have sex with men has led to instances of pre-symptomatic spread of the virus.

The limitations

The study has a few limitations. The study has relied on self-reported data such as the symptom onset date. Also, the study has relied entirely on contact tracing to identify case-contact pairs. The study has assumed the linked pair to be genuine transmission events and had no way of directly ascertaining the direction of transmission. The study has assumed that transmission follows the direction of symptom onset dates.

"The overestimation in turn will bias the data away from pre-symptomatic transmission, which further supports the evidence of pre-symptomatic transmission," they write.

A linked editorial has cautioned that "postexposure or ring vaccination of contacts identified only through individuals with symptoms could be inadequate". But the U.S. and the U.K. had shifted from post-exposure prophylaxis to include pre-exposure prophylaxis for some high-risk groups.

The editorial also underlines the importance of making vaccines accessible and equitable. Even in the U.S., while the black people account for 50% of infections, only 12% of the vaccines were administered to this vulnerable group. In the case of Nigeria, vaccines are not unavailable.Not only vaccines, even PCR testing remains unavailable in much of Africa, it says.

Recharging groundwater by water-harvesting measures

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE
D. Balasubramanian

When looking for a new home, one issue that is never forgotten is "how deep is the water table there". The water table defines the depth at which cracks and pores in rocks are saturated with water. Such water, stored in subterranean spaces, is called groundwater and the water-bearing rock strata are called aquifers.

Groundwater is a critical resource. It is the principal water source for a fourth of the world's population. India is the world's largest groundwater user; nearly 250 cubic kilometre was taken out in 2017. About 90% of this was used for irrigation, the rest went to towns and villages.

The agrarian economy of the Indo-Gangetic plains is sustained by groundwater. But there are fears that the Indo-Gangetic basin aquifer may soon be incapable of supporting so much irrigation. This is very noticeable in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan (Joshi et al, *Journal of Hydrology*, 598 (2021)). The Green Revolution has been sustained by using tube wells. The lowering of the water table forces farmers to use high-powered submersible pumps, which has worsened the situation.

Satellite gravimetry has provided convincing evidence in support of the alarming rates of groundwater depletion. The data are reinforced with local-level water table measurements in wells. The average rate of groundwater decline in this part of India has been 1.4 cm per year in this century. Depletion is not so acute in regions where groundwater is brackish.

Net gain: There is a net positive impact in the water table status in Saurashtra after check dams were built. AFP

Raising the water table

Aquifers are recharged with water from rainfall and rivers. Post-Independence, India saw an increase in the construction of canals for distributing water. These canals leak water, which also augments groundwater levels.

An important factor contributing to the good health of aquifers in some parts of our country is community-based movements to recharge groundwater. A good example is seen in the semi-arid regions of Saurashtra. Here, thousands of small and large check dams have been built across seasonal rivers and streams. These slow the flow of water and contribute to groundwater recharge as well as to check soil erosion. In villages, *bori bandhs* are built, which are essentially sand-filled bags placed in the path of rainwater runoffs.

Recovering slowly

Have these small-scale water harvesting measures made a difference? Studies comparing the water table status in Saurashtra with the climatically similar regions of Marathwada and Vidarbha show a net positive impact. It is heartening to note that in the last decade, these regions of Maharashtra have also started their own Managed Aquifer Recharge programmes such as the Jalyukt Shivar.

Another part of the country facing a marked decline in groundwater levels is a region overlapping Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, where the aquifers are located in crystalline bedrock. In such rocks, water is found only in cracks and fissures as the rock itself is not porous. Under these circumstances, tanks and ponds do not contribute much to groundwater recharge.

In rural areas of this region, recharge is mostly affected from rainfall and irrigation-related recycling. Interestingly, the major source of groundwater recharge in an urban area (Bengaluru) is from leaks in water distribution pipes.

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SNAPSHOTS

Scientists assess loss of ice from Greenland Ice Stream

Future ice loss from the Northeast Greenland Ice Stream, part of the Greenland ice sheet, could cause sea levels to rise by up to 15.5 mm by 2100, a study published in the journal, *Nature,* suggests. This rise is the equivalent of the entirety of the Greenland ice sheet's contribution to sea-level rise over the past 50 years. The Northeast Greenland Ice Stream comprises a fast-flowing main trunk that drains approximately 12% of the entire Greenland ice sheet.

Land, sea use changes are drivers of biodiversity loss

A new analysis of studies published since 2005 (*Science Advances*) concludes that land and sea use change has been the dominant anthropogenic driver of global biodiversity loss. Direct exploitation of natural resources is the second most dominant driver on land, but the most important one for the oceans. This new analysis can help in designing policies to halt biodiversity loss under the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Addiction, use of e-cigarettes increase in students in the U.S.

A recent survey study (*JAMA Network Open*) of 1,51,000 students in the United States between grades 6 and 12 show that initiation of e-cigarette use decreased, and intensity of use and addiction increased between 2014 and 2021. By 2019, more e-cigarette users were using their first tobacco product within five minutes of waking than users of cigarettes and all other tobacco products combined. Clinicians need to be ready to address youth addiction to these new highly addictive nicotine products.

Question Corner

Widow spiders

How do female false widow spiders attract mates?

When it comes to spider love, female widow spiders hold the key to attracting mates, potentially adjusting their web's attractiveness to lure males, according to new research (*Nature Communications Biology*). A study led by Simon Fraser University's Andreas Fischer reveals new details about how female false widow spiders (*Steatoda grossa*) communicate using pheromones – and suggests they can build more attractive webs – to lure mate-seeking males by adjusting the pH level of their pheromone-bearing silk, a release says. Female false widow spiders disseminate pheromone from their webs to attract males and deposit contact pheromone components on their webs that induce courtship by the males once they arrive. This study also identified the organ that produces these pheromone components – the posterior aggregate silk gland – as well as the chemical structure of the pheromone components involved in attraction and courtship.

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Can vaccine distribution be made fairer?

Why is the WHO calling for urgent steps to ensure low income countries have access to the COVID-19 vaccine?

Ramya Kannan

The story so far:

The Global Dashboard for Vaccine Equity, a joint effort by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the University of Oxford with cooperation across the UN system, has put out recent data that justifies the vexatious core of the vaccine distribution programme: Only one in four people has been vaccinated with at least one dose in low and middle income countries as of November 9, 2022. In comparison, in high income countries, three in four people have got at least one dose of the vaccine.

What is the Global Dashboard?

The Global Dashboard for Vaccine Equity combines the latest data on the global roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines with the "most recent socio-economic information to illustrate why accelerating vaccine equity is not only critical to saving lives but also to driving a faster and fairer recovery from the pandemic with benefits for all."

With the risk of new variants still around, it is imperative, says the WHO, that adequate quantities of COVID-19 vaccine are available to countries across the world

What is vaccine equity?

Simply put, everyone in the world has the same access to vaccines. While the availability of drugs across the world continues to remain iniquitous, disadvantaging large swathes of people in low and middle income countries, it was hoped that the urgency of a pandemic might erase these differences, offering equal access to all. But that was not to be.

A *Lancet* article, indicated how, early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine production was insufficient to meet global demand. "Many wealthy countries turned inwards, procuring vaccine doses through exclusive bilateral deals for their domestic populations (vaccine nationalism), and manufacturing countries, such as India, imposed temporary export bans. These events catalysed the global vaccine inequity that is still evident today," the article, by Victor. J. Dzau, argued.

Another *Lancet* article in February this year by Simar Singh Bajaj et al, pointed at the fact that "widening gaps in global vaccine equity have led to a two-track pandemic with booster COVID-19 vaccinations proliferating in high-income countries (HICs) and first doses not yet reaching all populations in low-income countries (LICs)." WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus using the strongest of terms for this divide, called it: 'Vaccine Apartheid'.

The Dashboard also points out another key factor: While vaccination programmes will increase healthcare costs across all countries, it is especially the case in low-income countries as they would need to increase their health expenditure by a staggering 30-60% to reach 70% of their population under the current pricing. High-income countries are expected to increase theirs by only 0.8% to achieve the same vaccination rate in one year.

Were efforts taken to reduce vaccine inequity?

It was reported that during the height of the pandemic, efforts were initiated to waive the intellectual property protection for the COVID-19 range of therapeutics and vaccines, in order to ensure that affordability alone doesn't determine availability. A waiver in the TRIPS agreement was proposed as a radical way to overcome the anticipated shortfalls. However, that did not come through.

What did come through was The COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership (COVAX), a collective international effort with 'One Country Team', 'One Plan', and 'One Budget' which was launched by WHO, UNICEF, and Gavi and the World Bank, to intensify country readiness and delivery support. It aimed at accelerating COVID-19 vaccination coverage in 34 low coverage countries, along with their governments. While COVAX has helped many countries access vaccines, since its launch in January 2022, low income countries (LICs) particularly continue to have difficulties in achieving a step change in vaccination rates, the WHO records.

Further, unless it can support LICs beyond the 20% vaccination rate, the financial burden of vaccinating an additional 50% of the population will fall on most vulnerable countries. Given that substantial parts of the world are still reeling from lockdown-induced economic crises, such nations might find it a Herculean task to do so, even if not impossible.

What lies ahead?

Going by WHO's dictum that no one is safe until everyone is safe, it is imperative that adequate quantities of COVID-19 vaccine are available to countries across the world, particularly at a time when the risk of new variants causing further waves of infections is still alive.

How has the EWS ruling altered reservations?

What has the Supreme Court said on income-based reservation while upholding the 103rd Constitution Amendment? Why was there a dissent by two judges? How have Articles 15 and 16 been amended to allow special provisions for economically weaker sections?

K. Venkataramanan

The story so far:

The Supreme Court, by a 3:2 majority, has upheld the validity of the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019, providing reservation up to 10% for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in education and employment among those groups that do not come under any community-based reservation. The legislation marked a major change in the country's approach to reservation. From a form of affirmative action in which membership of a social group was the main basis for extending reservation, it moved towards using income and means as the basis for special provisions.

What did the amendment do?

In *Indra Sawhney* (1992), a nine-judge Bench had ruled that there can be no reservation solely based on economic criteria, as the Constitution did not provide for it. The 103rd amendment introduced Article 15(6), an enabling provision for the state to make special provisions for "any economically weaker sections of citizens" other than those mentioned in the previous two clauses, namely, the "socially and educationally backward classes" and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. It also introduced a corresponding Clause 6 in Article 16 to enable reservation for "economically weaker sections", other than the SEBCs and SC/ST, in public employment and education. Article 15, which protects against discrimination on any ground, and Article 16, which mandates equality of opportunity in public employment, were thus changed to allow special provisions and reservations for the EWS category, subject to a maximum of 10%.

Justice Bhat noted that while introducing an economic basis for reservation, the socially backward classes had been arbitrarily excluded

Split decision: Shiv Sena Dogra Front workers celebrate the Supreme Court decision to uphold 10% EWS reservation on November 7. PTI

Following this amendment, the government also notified in 2019 the criteria to identify EWS. By this, anyone having an annual family income of less than ₹8 lakh from all sources in the financial year preceding the year of application would be identified as EWS for reservation purposes. Also excluded were those who had five acres of agricultural land, or a residential flat of 1,000 square feet, or a residential plot of 100 square yards and above in notified municipalities, or 200 square yards in other areas. The EWS quota has since been implemented in Central government and Central public sector recruitments.

What were the main grounds of challenge?

A law can be declared unconstitutional if the court finds that it violates fundamental rights. However, when the law is a constitutional amendment, it cannot normally be struck down, as it is part of the text of the Constitution. However, the Supreme Court evoked the 'basic structure doctrine' under which it has held that Parliament's power to amend the Constitution has some inherent limitations.

A substantive limitation is the principle that an amendment to the Constitution cannot abrogate or destroy its basic structure. While there is no exhaustive list, concepts central to the constitutional system such as secularism, federalism, independence of the judiciary, rule of law and equality before the law are considered its basic features.

Therefore, petitioners contended that the amendment violated the basic structure of the Constitution because it violated the equality code. The violation occurred (a) by the introduction of economic criterion when reservation was only meant for groups that were socially and educationally backward due to historical disadvantages and not due to individual lack of means, and by converting a scheme to overcome structural barriers for the advancement of social groups into an anti-poverty measure (b) by excluding OBC/SC/ST candidates from the EWS category and (c) by breaching the 50% ceiling on total reservation.

What is the majority's reasoning for upholding EWS quota?

Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, Bela Trivedi and J.B. Pardiwala, the three judges who constituted a majority of the five-judge Bench, rejected the basic structure challenge completely. They held that there was nothing wrong in addressing economic weakness through reservation as an instrument of affirmative action. Reservation need not only be for socially and backward classes, but can also cover any disadvantaged section. Classifying a section based on economic criterion alone was permissible under the Constitution, and the EWS quota did not violate any essential feature of the Constitution.

The majority also ruled that the exclusion of the classes already enjoying reservation from the EWS category does not offend the equality principle. In fact, unless the EWS segment was exclusive, the object of furthering economic justice cannot be achieved. Regarding the breach of the 50% limit, the majority view was that the ceiling itself was not inflexible or inviolable. At the same time, another point in favour of the extra 10% quota was that the 50% limit was applicable only to the existing reserved categories (OBC/SC/ST), they said.

Why did two judges dissent?

Chief Justice U.U. Lalit and Justice Ravindra Bhat differed from the majority, with the latter writing the dissenting opinion. At the outset, the minority too agreed that introducing special provisions on the basis of economic criteria is legitimate and does not per se violate the Constitution's basic structure.

However, they held that the exclusion of backward classes from the category violated the basic structure. Justice Bhat noted that reservation was a powerful tool to enable equal access and equal opportunity, but while introducing an economic basis for reservation, the socially and historically disadvantaged classes had been arbitrarily excluded. Excluding them "on the ground that they enjoyed pre-existing benefits is to heap fresh injustice based on past disability," he said. He termed as 'Orwellian' the net effect that although all the poorest were entitled to be considered regardless of class or caste, only those from the forward classes or castes would be considered, and not those socially disadvantaged.

The conclusion was that the Amendment resulted in hostile discrimination against the poorest section of society that was socially and educationally backward, and that these classes were subjected to caste-based discrimination. Therefore, it violated the equality code, particularly the principles of non-discrimination and non-exclusion, which were part of the basic structure.

Justice Bhat had an additional ground to strike down Article 16(6). Article 16 mandates equality of opportunity in public employment, with representation for the unrepresented classes through reservation being the only exception. The EWS category "snaps this link between equal opportunity and representation" by introducing a category that is not premised on 'inadequate representation'. This reservation for those already represented in public employment violates the equal opportunity norm, which is part of the basic structure.

Why are talks on 1.5°C at a cliff edge at COP27?

What are the tipping points besides the potential Greenland ice sheet collapse and how are they likely to affect elements such as monsoons and heat waves? How are world leaders expected to respond at COP27? Why are certian communities filing climate cases against affluent countries?

G. Ananthakrishnan

The story so far:

After the ratification of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change of 2015, the focus is on voluntary national actions to drive down greenhouse gas emissions and keep the rise in average global temperature to well below 2°C and as close to 1.5°C as possible by the end of the century. All nations that signed on to the pact under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, at the COP27, to review progress, raise ambition on emissions cuts and draw up funding plans to help vulnerable countries adapt to climate change. But the scientific community is losing hope that temperature rise can be stopped in time, before uncontrollable tipping points are reached, leading to catastrophic climate change.

Why is the 1.5°C goal seeming unattainable?

Scientific reports from the UN released ahead of the COP27 meeting in Egypt point to the extremely narrow window available to close the emissions gap and prevent rise in average temperature beyond 1.5°C.

The UNEP's Emissions Gap Report 2022 says, even if all the conditional Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) – voluntary pledges submitted under the Paris pact – followed by targets to reduce emissions to net-zero are implemented, global warming is projected to rise to 1.8°C with a 66% probability. The report also points out that global annual emissions during 2021 at 52.8 Gigatonnes (GtCO2e), represents a slight increase compared to 2019, the pre-COVID year, and that the outlook for 2030 is not bright. Collectively, G20 members account for 75% of emissions, although it is the richer countries that are responsible for accumulated emissions since the industrial revolution.

Leaders and the financial system investing in polluting companies worldwide are under pressure to support greener renewable options

Call for action: Protests at the COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. GETTY IMAGES

At the Egypt conference, scientist Johan Rockstrom said the key tipping points are the potential Greenland ice sheet collapse, West Antarctic ice sheet collapse, thawing of the boreal permafrost, and tropical coral reef die offs, all of which are expected to happen at 1.5°C. These and other estimates of temperature impacts were reported in a recent paper in the journal *Science* by Armstrong McKay and others. Tipping points represent moments that cascade into irreversible changes, with a domino effect on other elements such as monsoons and heat waves. To put things in perspective, Prof. Rockstrom said current temperature rise stands at 1.2°C to 1.3°C over the pre-industrial average, the highest in about 12,000 years since the last Ice Age. With the present soft approaches to limiting atmospheric CO2, it will be almost impossible to achieve the 1.5°C target.

What do scientific reports say on the fallout?

The COP27 is described as the conference of implementation, given that UN climate talks are often criticised as a 'talk more, do little' exercise. Yet, official reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which inform the UN system have reminders for the participating leaders, whose national pledges fall well short of the reductions needed. The latest Sixth Assessment Report (SAR) of the IPCC, with high confidence in its conclusions for the near term (until 2040), says that biodiversity loss, Arctic ice loss, threat to coastal settlements and infrastructure will all be experienced, while conflicts, migration of affected people and urban challenges to energy and water access could also arise. Beyond 2040 and until the end of the century, the IPCC report paints a grim picture. At 2°C, up to 20% decline in snowmelt water for irrigation, diminished water for farming and human settlements due to glacier mass loss, and a two-fold increase in flood damage could happen, while up to 18% of species on land could go extinct.

Of particular concern in the tropical regions is the projected increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events such as cyclones, particularly in the medium to long term until 2100.

What is the focus of negotiations at COP27?

Countries most affected by the effects of a changing climate have been seeking loss and damage payments from the richer industrialised nations, who have contributed the bulk of CO2 in the atmosphere. Firming up this compensation mechanism is a major area of focus at Sharm el-Sheikh.

The emissions background is explained as follows: CO2 level at the Mauna Loa observatory in Hawaii stood at 416.22 parts per million (ppm) on November 11. The level was 315 ppm in 1958 and the pre-industrial revolution level was 280 ppm, U.S. records show. The emerging economies and small climate-affected countries argue that they were not responsible for this stock of CO2, and many want a massive loss and damage fund created, separate from the $100 bn per year agreed to under the Paris Agreement. At the last conference in Glasgow, this agenda was kicked down the road. Some communities in countries ranging from Peru to Pakistan and even India have started filing climate cases, seeking restraints or damages.

More fundamentally, activists are seeking a sharp move away from fossil fuels to peak emissions by 2025. A special report titled "10 New Insights on Climate Science" released at COP27 by Prof. Rockstrom points to continuing high emissions from fossil fuels because "success is still measured predominantly by GDP and affluence, rather than through improvements in resource use efficiency and advancing human well-being within the biosphere's constraints." World leaders and the financial system investing in polluting companies worldwide are, therefore, under pressure to divest from fossil fuels and support greener renewable options at COP27.

PROFILES

The city of fire and fury

Kherson

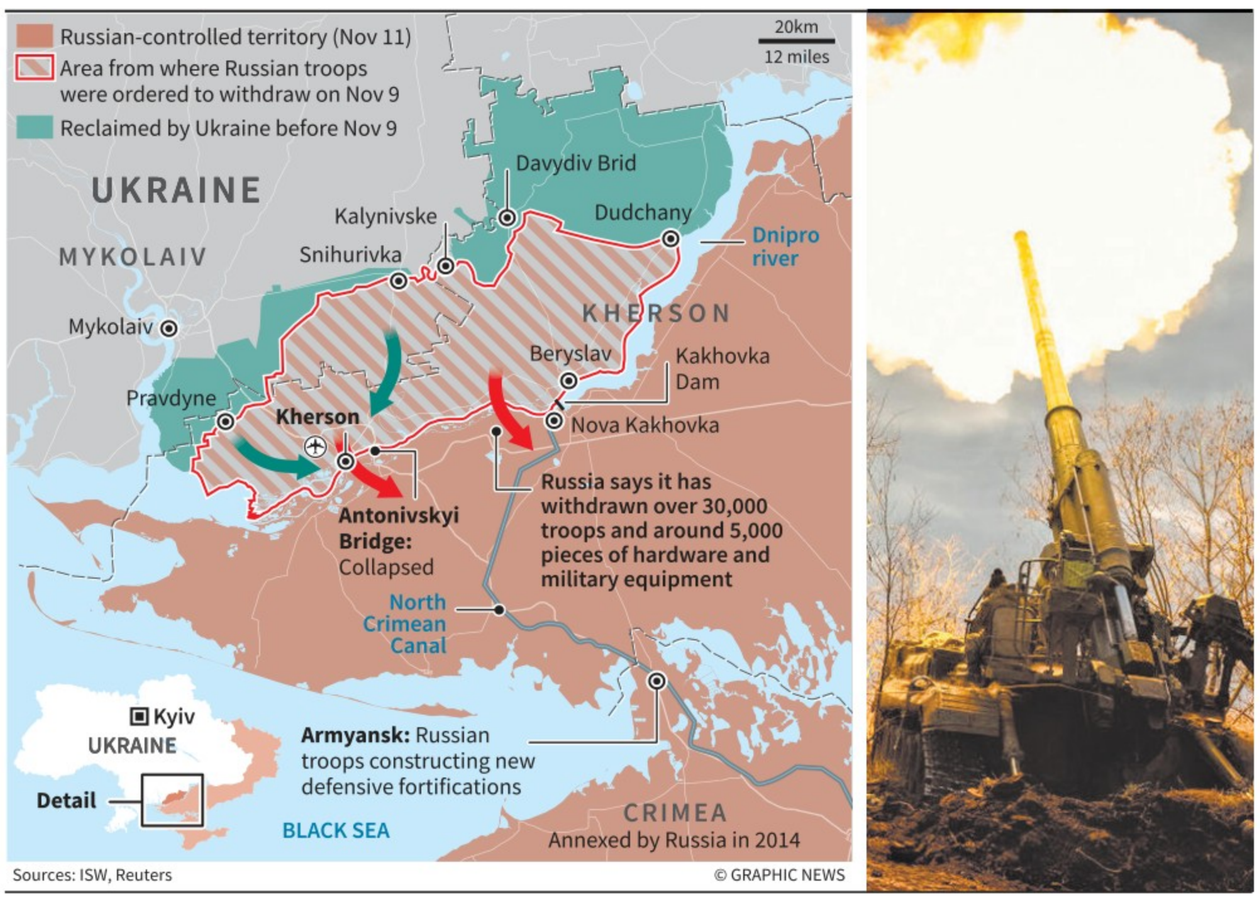
Ukrainian forces, who lost the southern provincial capital in the early days of the war, took it back in a prolonged, bloodied counter-offensive

Srinivasan Ramani

On September 30, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin combatively announced the annexation of four "oblasts" (regions) that are currently de jure Ukraine territory – Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson – and claimed that these regions will be with Russia "forever". The last of the four provinces has an added significance. Located just north of the Crimean peninsula, which was annexed bloodlessly in 2014, Kherson's administrative centre is Kherson city, which also happened to be the only major provincial capital captured by the Russian forces in its nine month long invasion or what Mr Putin continues to call a "special military operation".

Barely a month and a half later, on November 9, Russia announced a withdrawal from the western part of the Dnipro River in the Kherson region and that includes Kherson city, which is placed on the northwestern bank, by moving its troops and equipment to the river's east bank. The U.S.-based Institute for the Study of War termed this to be the outcome of a "purposeful and well-executed campaign [by Ukrainian forces] to target Russian concentration areas... without having to conduct large-scale and costly ground manoeuvers to liberate territory". This included "constant attacks on bridges across the Dnipro River and [attacks that] targeted supply centres and ammunition depots on the east bank of the Dnipro [degrading the] ability of Russian forces to supply the grouping on the west bank". Within a couple of days, Ukrainian forces entered Kherson city.

This is a major setback for the Russian forces which have been subject to a raging counterattack by Ukrainian forces in both the north-east where areas around Kharkiv city were recovered and now in the south. Kherson city and the oblast had fallen to Russia in early March 2022 after fierce battles following the Russian invasion from the south through Crimea in late February. Russia had expected that the Ukrainian counter-offensives would begin in the south and had amassed troops and weaponry in the region – a factor that helped in the swiftness of the Ukrainian offensive in the Kharkiv region and its successes. In contrast, the Ukrainian counter-attack in Kherson was slower – the weather in the autumn season also made it difficult for the forces – and resulted in heavy casualties for both sides.



Land bridge

Kherson's significance to the Russian invasion cannot be understated. After the Russian annexation of Crimea, the Putin regime had built an expensive bridge across the Kerch Strait to connect to Crimea. The inability to reach Crimea via road from Russia explains that one of the clear objectives for Moscow has been to create a "land bridge" to the annexed territories in the south of Ukraine – Crimea in particular, besides any further linking to the strategically important port of Odessa.

This aim was not just for strategic purposes but as a signal to partisan support in the country that Moscow had access and direct control over key areas in Ukraine as it did during its Tsarist past. The city was founded in 1778 as a fortress to help protect Russia's Black Sea Fleet after Russia's annexation of the territory in 1774. It grew in significance as a major shipping and shipbuilding centre in the 19th century and it industrialised further during the Soviet rule.

The invasion and annexation of Donbass, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson allowed Russia to create a "land bridge" to Crimea. Kherson oblast is also host to the North Crimean Canal that had been providing 85% of the water supply to Crimea but had been shut down by Ukraine following the Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014. One of the first actions by Russian forces following the capture of Kherson was to restore the flow of water from the canal to Crimea.

Therefore, the withdrawal from Kherson city and areas in the west of the Dnipro river, which Russian defence spokespersons euphemistically called a "regrouping" operation, is a major setback for Mr. Putin's regime. Russian commanders ordered close to 30,000 troops (according to U.S. intelligence) to retreat to the river's east bank after having fielded its elite units to slow down the Ukrainian counteroffensive.

Military strategists, however, suggest that while this is a political and symbolic blow for the Russians, the withdrawal is part of a pattern of pragmatism in the invasion – the Russians have cut their losses in and around Kherson city after heavy targeted hits by the Ukrainians and have moved on to hold the regions in Kherson oblast to the east of the river just as they pivoted to the east after their inability to capture Kyiv early into the Ukraine invasion. The Ukrainians managed to keep up attacks in the Kherson offensive because of the artillery weapons systems supplied by the western countries, which allowed them to attack Russian targets from a safe distance, inflicting severe losses and prompting what the Russian Defence Minister said was a withdrawal for the "life and health of Russian servicemen".

Defence lines

Now, the Russian aim seems to be the reinforcement of its defence lines on the east side of the river and where it expects the Ukrainian advance will be halted because of the harsh terrain marked by fields with irrigation canals that have become marshy and muddy over the autumn. Russian forces, satellite imagery provided by the ISW showed, had destroyed the Antonivsky Bridge (near Kherson city) and other bridges to halt any further advance by Ukrainian forces into the parts of the oblast controlled by the Russians.

Russia's withdrawal from Kherson city also followed a severe depopulation of the city with barely a quarter of the 250,000 people still remaining. Ukrainian forces advanced into Kherson city after the withdrawal but were cautious about the prospects of regaining full control over it, suggesting that they would have to deal with booby traps and mines left behind by the Russians.

Yet, the capture of Kherson city allows Ukraine to further recalibrate its counter-offensive by utilising its west-supplied rocket systems to target the Russian supply route via Crimea, which would fall under their range. With this initiative potentially targeting Crimea, which hosts Russia's Black Sea fleet, in the medium term, Russia can be expected to bolster its defences in the territories it holds in the south and this could lead to a protracted battle during the winter, a prospect that will continue to affect the rest of the world due to repercussions on trade and energy supplies. Unless of course there are renewed ceasefire negotiations with a guarantee that Russia will not use them to regroup and further military objectives.

THE GIST

- Kherson is one of the four Oblasts Russian President Vladimir Putin annexed in September after Russia's setbacks in Kharkiv
- Faced with Ukrainian offensive, Russia announced withdrawal of its troops from the western bank of the Dnipro River in Kherson, leaving the provincial capital
- Russian troops are now building new defensive positions in the south and east of Dnipro as Ukrainian counter-offensive, aided by the West, keeps gaining battlefield momentum

The man who would be king

Kevin McCarthy

The GOP leader, who could be the next House Speaker, is widely regarded as a bright-faced, friendly and skilled political operative on Capitol Hill

Narayan Lakshman

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Following the U.S. midterm elections, the post of Speaker of the House of Representatives looks to remain with a California lawmaker – but never have the former and aspiring next occupant of that role been more different from each other. Outgoing Speaker, Democratic heavyweight Nancy Pelosi, hails from the liberal and wealthy San Francisco district, whereas Republican Kevin McCarthy, the House Minority Leader now waging a pitched battle to ascend the throne, represents the State's 23rd district, a region known for "oil and agriculture, pumpjacks and seasonal workers". Mr. McCarthy's district also voted nearly 2-to-1 for Mitt Romney over Barack Obama in the 2012 presidential election, notwithstanding its location in a fundamentally liberal part of the country.

So, who is Kevin McCarthy, and why has he been thrust into the limelight after the midterm elections saw the House sliding headlong towards Republican control? He certainly is the man whose comment on stopping the U.S. from writing a "blank cheque" for Ukraine as it fights off the Russian invasion raised eyebrows. But the truth is that Mr. McCarthy's penchant for voicing support for the values of Trumpism runs deep and is part of a more complex picture of his ceaseless attempts to build cross-factional alliances within the party.

The aspiring Speaker of the House in the post-midterm scenario was born in the small town of Bakersfield, California, in 1965, to a firefighter father, himself the son of a cattle rancher. In his childhood, Mr. McCarthy is said to have struggled with a speech impediment. After a stint experimenting in the restaurant sector, Mr. McCarthy completed his college degree at California State University, Bakersfield – all the while getting a flavour for local politics by serving in the office of Republican congressman, Bill Thomas, a future political mentor.

The Young Gun

However, while Mr. Thomas was known as an old-school, seasoned, and hardworking chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Mr. McCarthy was contrarily regarded as a bright-faced, friendly and skilled political operative on Capitol Hill, the realms of which he entered in 2006 after four years as a member of the California Assembly. Quickly building up his networks among congressional Republicans, Mr. McCarthy soon became a master of the inner workings of the redistricting, candidate recruitment, organising and electioneering processes, all built on the classical conservative values of small government, support for the private sector and a laissez-faire attitude on social issues. In his early years on Capitol Hill, Mr. McCarthy was regarded as one of the "Young Guns" of his party, alongside the likes of Paul Ryan and Eric Cantor. Despite these various preoccupations, the real key to Mr. McCarthy's rising star was his ability to forge alliances within the Republican Party on the back of astounding fundraising skills that his entire caucus benefited from, to the tune of over $100 million since 2016, according to reports. Yet, this very same adroitness at building bridges appears to have become his greatest stumbling block today – he is seen by each of the disparate camps within the party as being too close to their political rivals. For example, pro-Trump Republican Freedom Caucus, which has already been instrumental in denying Mr. McCarthy's first campaign for the post of Speaker in 2015, has once again signalled its displeasure at his House leadership ambitions.

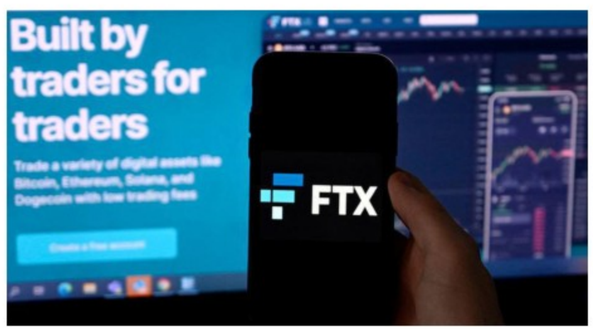
While some Freedom Caucus members are entirely opposed to Mr. McCarthy becoming the Speaker, others have hinted that they may seek to capitalise on the Republican Party's relatively narrow control of the House to push for compromises that could weaken his position in the top post at the House. They know full well that Mr. McCarthy now needs them more than they do him, for the California Congressman will require the support of nearly every Republican in the chamber to press forward with planned political theatrics such as investigations into the conduct of the Biden White House. If control of the House does go to the Republicans and Mr. McCarthy prevails, the Biden administration should beware of the risk of partisan rancour stemming from the lower chamber's posturing on budget and other issues paralysing the policy process.

The crypto empire that fell

FTX

The crypto exchange founded by Sam Bankman-Fried imploded after revelations about its financial dealings with affiliated trading firm Alameda

John Xavier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FTX

Famed celebrity interviewer David Rubenstein introduced Sam Bankman-Fried as "one of the most successful crypto entrepreneurs in the world" on his talk show in August. Often called 'crypto's white knight', the CEO of crypto exchange FTX was seen as a saviour of digital assets industry, giving lifelines to platforms facing imminent collapse. On Friday, the 30-year-old billionaire's crypto empire crumbled.

A physics graduate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Bankman-Fried began his career in 2014 in Jane Street that specialises in ETF and high-frequency trading in 2014. Three years later, he took the plunge into the crypto world by setting up a Hong Kong-based investment fund Alameda Research that traded in crypto tokens and derivatives. His rise coincided with the boom in the cryptocurrency. In 2017, after years of price fluctuations between $100 and $900, bitcoin breached $1,000. By mid-May, its value doubled; and by the end of the year, the de facto crypto benchmark asset was trading at $20,000.

But the cryptocurrency was not traded at the same price on different crypto exchanges. Mr. Bankman-Fried's Alameda saw an arbitrage opportunity from this inherent volatility in the crypto ecosystem. The fund made a lot of money.

In April 2019, Mr. Bankman-Fried moved to Nassau, Bahamas, and launched his crypto exchange FTX to provide the infrastructure for crypto investors to buy and sell digital assets such as bitcoin, ether, solano, and a dozen other tokens via its platform. He set up two different exchanges: one in compliance with U.S. laws and the other for international investors.

FTX International offered investors an option to trade in tokenized stocks, which are digital coin-based derivative of shares of actual companies. It also allowed users to bet on expected valuations of pre-IPO companies. Such features attracted users to the platforms.

Investors poured money into the company. Sequoia, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, SoftBank, Third Point LLC and Tiger Global invested as FTX rose. Football star Tom Brady endorsed the platform. While FTX does not disclose its financials, the exchange's rise made Mr. Bankman-Fried one of the youngest billionaires. Forbes estimated his net worth at $8.7 billion. In January, the Nassau, Bahamas-based crypto exchange raised $400 million in a new round of funding, raising its value to $32 billion, up from $25 billion in October 2021.

During the mid-May crypto meltdown when Terra Luna and several other crypto platforms failed, Mr. Bankman-Fried was seen as the bailout man. In July, his exchange offered to rescue crypto lender Voyager after hedge fund Three Arrow Capital (TCA) defaulted on nearly $1 billion loan.

Some crypto watchers raised concerns about the potential conflict of interest in Mr. Bankman-Fried's empire. They saw FTX being used to siphon off money into trading arm Alameda Research. On November 2, a report by *CoinDesk*, citing private documents, revealed that Alameda's balance sheet was loaded with FTT, a token invented by its sister firm FTX. This proved the unusual link between the exchange and the trading arm.

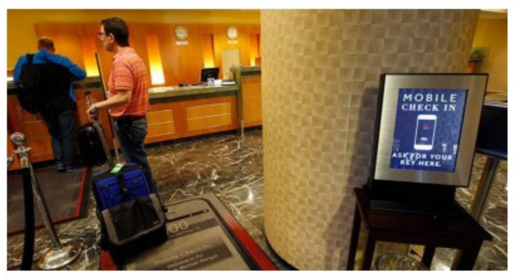
A swift collapse

Following that report, Binance, the largest crypto exchange by volume and an early investor in FTX, said it was liquidating its $580 million of FTT holding. Binance CEO Changpeng Zhao's decision caused a stir in the crypto industry as more FTX depositors rushed to withdraw their investments from the exchange.

FTX's customer withdrawal request hit nearly $5 billion. That made Mr. Bankman-Fried seek funding assistance. Mr. Zhao first agreed to help, and for a day, it looked like FTX struck a deal with its rival. But Binance walked away the next day, saying the Bahamas-based exchange's problems were beyond its control or "ability to help."

Meanwhile, Mr. Bankman-Fried's personal fortune tumbled. On Thursday, he tweeted: "And so we are where we are. Which sucks, and that's on me. I'm sorry." A day later, the beleaguered crypto exchange filed for bankruptcy protection and said that CEO Bankman-Fried has resigned from his position, marking a swift end to a three-year old crypto empire.

INBRIEF



Marriott eyes 10 more hotels in India, region by H1 of 2023

Hospitality major Marriott International is planning to add about 10 more hotels in India and neighbouring countries, during the first half of 2023, said Gaurav Singh, market vice president, South & East India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. "We are planning to open 13-15 hotels during 2023. In the first six months, we will add 6-7 hotels in India, two in Colombo, and one in Dhaka," Mr. Singh said.

Natco named in antitrust lawsuit on cancer drug in U.S.

Drugmaker Natco Pharma said it has been named as one of the defendants along with Bristol Myers Squibb and Teva in an antitrust lawsuit in the U.S. regarding cancer drug Lenalidomide (Revlimid).

"Natco believes this matter is without merit. Teva is the ANDA holder and front-end marketing partner for the generic product in the U.S.," the Hyderabad-based drugmaker said in a filing with the stock exchange on Saturday.

Sundaram Finance raises interest rates on deposits

Sundaram Finance Ltd. has revised the interest rates on term deposits for the general public and senior citizens with effect from November 16. For the general public, the rates on 12-month deposit is increased to 7.15% from 6.65%, 7.15% (7%) for 24 months, while for 36 months the rate remains at 7.3%. For senior citizens, the rate has been increased to 7.5% (7%) for 12 months, 7.5% (7.35%) for 24 months, and 7.8% (7.65%) for 36 months.

'India can buy Russian oil outside price cap'

Janet Yellen says India can source as much as it wants, will only need to avoid Western insurance, finance and maritime services bound by the cap; U.S. Treasury Secretary stresses that the goal is to drive global oil prices lower while curbing Russia's revenues to limit its ability to finance the war

Reuters
NEW DELHI

The United States is happy for India to continue buying as much Russian oil as it wants, including at prices above a G7-imposed price cap, if it steers clear of Western insurance, finance and maritime services bound by the cap, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said on Friday.

The cap would still drive global oil prices lower while curbing Russia's revenues, Ms. Yellen said in an interview with Reuters on the sidelines of a conference on deepening U.S.-Indian economic ties. Russia will not be able to sell as much oil as it does now once the European Union halts imports without resorting to the capped price or significant discounts from current prices, Ms. Yellen added.

"Russia is going to find it very difficult to continue shipping as much oil as they have done when the EU stops buying Russian oil," Ms. Yellen said. "They're going to be heavily in search of buyers. And many buyers are reliant on Western services."

India is now Russia's largest oil buyer after China.

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> **JANET YELLEN**
> U.S. Treasury Secretary

Final details of the price cap to be imposed by wealthy G7 democracies and Australia are still coming together ahead of a December 5 deadline.

The existence of the cap would give India, China and other major buyers of Russian crude leverage to push down the price they pay to Moscow, Ms. Yellen said. Russian oil "is going to be selling at bargain prices and we're happy to have India get that bargain or Africa or China. It's fine," she added.

Ms. Yellen said India and private Indian oil companies "can also purchase oil at any price they want as long as they don't use these Western services and they find other services. And either way is fine."

The cap is intended to cut Russia's oil revenues while keeping Russian crude on the market by denying insurance, maritime services and finance provided by the Western allies for tanker cargoes priced above a fixed dollar-per barrel cap. A historical Russian Urals crude average of $63-64 a barrel could form an upper limit.

The cap is a concept promoted by the U.S. since the EU first laid out plans for an embargo on Russian oil to punish Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.

India wary

Ms. Yellen's remarks were made after India's foreign minister said last week that his country would continue to buy Russian crude because it benefits India.

India's finance and energy ministries were not available for comment, but officials have said they were wary of the untested price cap.

"I do not think we will follow the price cap... and we have communicated that," one Indian government official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Aurobindo net slides 41% on 'intense competition'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Aurobindo Pharma's consolidated net profit declined more than 41% for the September quarter to ₹410.3 crore on lower revenue from formulations in U.S. and Europe markets.

"Our performance was subdued mainly due to the macro-environment factors and higher competitive intensity for some products in the U.S.," MD K. Nithyananda Reddy said.

'India to stay fastest growing big economy'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Saturday exuded confidence that India will continue to be the fastest growing major economy with a likely growth rate of 7% in 2022-23 on the back of strong macroeconomic fundamentals and financial sector stability.

Speaking at the HT Leadership Summit 2022, Mr. Das emphasised that the country's economy remains resilient, supported by the banking and non-banking sectors.

Shaktikanta Das

"So far as India is concerned... overall macroeconomic fundamentals, the financial sector stability, all these aspects remain resilient, he said.

Repco Home Finance Q2 net profit dips 17% to ₹71 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Repco Home Finance Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September declined 17% from the year-earlier period to ₹71 crore.

Interest income contracted to ₹306 crore, from ₹321 crore, while net interest income rose 4.8% to ₹145 crore. Net interest margin stood at 4.8%, the mortgage lender said in a regulatory statement.

Schneider aims to lift green content to 50%

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

French multinational company Schneider Electric SE will increase green material content in its products to 50% by 2025, said Rohan Kelkar, executive vice-president, Power Products.

The move is part of the company's ongoing five-year sustainability strategy and transformation programme 'Schneider Sustainability Impact and Schneider Sustainability Essentials', he said. The objective is to reduce materials and resources consumed, and sustainably sourcing those that are consumed, Mr. Kelkar said.

"By 2025 we are also committed to have 100% of our primary and secondary packaging free from single-use plastic and use recycled cardboard," he added.

Mr. Kelkar said in India the company was working to identify start-ups that could fill its offering gaps and accelerate innovation so that the firm could leverage their agility.

Sport

Mumbai City roars back to hit Chennaiyin FC for a six

ISL-9

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Mumbai City FC inflicted a 6-2 defeat on Chennaiyin FC, after trailing 0-2, in an Indian Super League contest here on Saturday.

The win helped the side climb to the second spot with 12 points from six matches.

Chennaiyin's winless streak at home continued and it remained at seven points from five games.

An eventful first half saw the teams share four goals. However, in the second, Mumbai City found the target four times – three through its substitutes (Vinit Rai, D. Vignesh and Bipin Singh).

That's four! Vignesh, centre, made it 4-2 for MCFC before Bipin, right, completed the rout. R. RAGU

The hosts were stunned by Mumbai City's pace after the break.

The visitors' third goal came through a cut-back by Bipin to Vinit. The latter's powerful shot from outside the box soared into the net.

Vignesh's fierce left-footer gave little time to 'keeper Debjit Majumder to react.

An innocuous-looking Alberto Noguera cross was deflected into the net by Chennaiyin's Fallou Diagne. Bipin completed the scoring in the dying minutes.

In the opening period, Petar Sliskovic's header beat Mumbai City custodian Phurba Lachenpa and El Khayati made it 2-0 in the 32nd minute, but once Pereyra Diaz reduced the margin in the very next minute, the floodgates opened for Mumbai City.

It equalised through Greg Stewart's penalty in first-half injury time before pulling away in spectacular fashion in the second.

The result:

Chennaiyin FC 2 (Sliskovic 19, Khayati 32) lost to Mumbai City FC 6 (Pereyra 33, Stewart 45+3-pen, Vinit 49, Vignesh 60, Noguera 65, Bipin 90+1).

Brentford suckerpunches City

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
MANCHESTER

Brentford striker Ivan Toney struck twice to give his side a shock 2-1 victory at champions Manchester City on Saturday in their final Premier League game before the World Cup break.

Toney, left out of England's squad for Qatar, made the most of a bright start by Brentford, breaking the deadlock in the 16th when Ben Mee headed back across the box and Toney sent a header over Ederson into the net.

City equalised on the stroke of halftime when Kevin De Bruyne's corner was flicked on and Phil Foden drilled home a superb half-volley for his eighth league goal of the season.

Big result: Toney bundles in Brentford's winner. REUTERS

Toney fired home to round off a stoppage-time counter-attack and secure a victory for Brentford.

The results: Premier League: Man City 1 (Foden 45+1) lost to Brentford 2 (Toney 16, 90+8); Bournemouth 3 (Tavernier 18, Moore 25, Anthony 69) bt Everton 0; Liverpool 3 (Firmino 6, Nunez 21, 42) bt Southampton 1 (Adams 9); Nottingham Forest 1 (Gibbs-White 54) bt Crystal Palace 0; Tottenham Hotspur 4 (Kane 25, Davies 51, Bentancur 81, 83) bt Leeds United 3 (Summerville 10, Rodrigo 43, 76); West Ham 0 lost to Leicester 2 (Maddison 8, Barnes 78).

Serie A: Napoli 3 (Osimhen 15, Zielinski 31, Elmas 58) bt Udinese 2 (Nestorovski 79, Samardzic 82).

Bundesliga: Werder Bremen 1 (Gross 56) lost to RB Leipzig 2 (Silva 13, Schlager 71)

On Friday: Bundesliga: M'Gladbach 4 (Hofmann 4, Bensebaini 26, Thuram 30, Kone 46) bt Dortmund 2 (Brandt 19, Schlotterbeck 40).

Gokulam Kerala rides on Somlaga's strike

I-LEAGUE

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MANJERI

Gokulam Kerala's quest for a hat-trick of titles in the I-League began on a promising note here on a wet Saturday evening. In what was a repeat of the last match of the last edition, the host overcame Mohammedan Sporting, the Kolkatan side that finished runner-up in May.

Cameroonian striker Auguste Junior Boum Somlaga's 57th-minute goal proved decisive at the Malappuram District Sports Complex Stadium.

It was a well-contested encounter enjoyed by a crowd of more than 8,000.

After a goalless first half, the interval, the Gokulam men began to put more pressure on the Mohammadan goal, and they were rewarded before long.

Farshad Noor gave a short pass from just outside the box to Somlaga, who drove the ball firmly towards the goal.

The result: Gokulam Kerala 1 (Auguste Junior Boum Somlaga 57) bt Mohd. Sporting 0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Govindaraju scores a treble for Southern Alpha SA

Govindaraju scored a hat-trick as Southern Alpha Sports Academy defeated BCYA 'B' 5-2 in the KSHA C-division hockey league here on Saturday.

The results: Ideal Sports Academy 'B' 3 (Shiva Suriya 3, Balaji 29, Shiva Shankaran 41) bt Naveen HC 1 (Suraj 46).

Southern Alpha Sports Academy 5 (Suresh 7, 46, Govindaraju 12, 26, 35) bt BCYA 'B' 2 (Niran Subbaiah 34, K. Santhosh 44).

BIFA teams register wins

BIFA defeated Nakshatra 6-2 in an under-15 match of the KSFA Youth Premier League here on Saturday.

The results:

U-18: Rebels FC bt Snipers 2-1; Alchemy Intl FA bt NEYFA 5-2; BIFA bt BBFS 2-0; MVFA bt Blue Star 3-1.

U-15: BIFA bt Nakshatra 6-2; YBEFC drew with MVFA 3-3; BBFS drew with Roots 0-0; U-13: Samurai Blore bt Nakshatra 4-0.

Mahesh gets the better of Mayank

Mahesh Aditya defeated Mayank Karthik 3-2 (50-57, 52-45, 72-41, 59-81, 70-26) in a second-round match of the State-ranking snooker tournament here on Saturday.

Priya wins 400m, Rezoana sets 300m NR

JR. NATL. ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

Priya H. Mohan won the under-20 women's 400m gold while Rezoana Mallick Heena broke the under-16 girls 300m National record at the 37th National junior athletics championships in Guwahati on Saturday.

The results (winners only):
Men: Under-20: 100m: Lalu Prasad Bhoi (Odi) 10.71s; **400m:** Deepak Rohilla (Har) 47.59s; **10000m race walk:** Bilin George Anto (Ker) 43:39.27s; **Decathlon:** Sunil Kumar (Har) 6595 pts.; **Boys: Under-18: 100m:** Dondapati M. Jayaram (Odi) 10.83s; **400m:** Aman Chaudhary (Del) 47.56s; **Decathlon:** K. Vethapriyan (TN) 5693 pts.

Under-16: 100m: Sangineni H. Vardhan (Tel) 11.21s; **300m:** Shaik Azaruddin (Tel) 35.06s; **Shot put:** Ommkar P. Nanda (Odi) 18.34m; **Hexathlon:** R.C. Jithin Arjunan (TN) 3714 pts; **-14: High jump:** Himanshu Kumar Singh (Jha) 1.77m; **Long jump:** Sourabh Kashma (Raj) 6.62m.

Women: Under-20: 100m: Bhawna (Har) 11.91s; **400m:** Priya H Mohan (Kar) 53.94s; **High jump:** Khyati Mathur (UP) 1.79m (MR, OR 1.77); **5000m race walk:** Aarti (Har) 24:19.90s.

Girls: Under-18: 100m: S. Megha (Ker) 12.30s; **400m:** Akanksha (Har) 55.87s; **High jump:** Pavana Nagaraj (Ka) 1.73m; **Discus:** Akhila Raju (Ker) 43.05m. **Under-16: 100m:** Abinaya Rajarajan (TN) 12.26s; **300m:** Rezoana M. Heena (WB) 38.57s (NR, OR 40.11); **Discus:** Amanat Kamboj (Pun) 40.29m; Under-14: **Long Jump:** Anmol (Har) 5.15m.

Injured Thapa signs off with a silver

ASIAN BOXING

Sports Bureau

Shiva Thapa's historic campaign in the Asian boxing championships ended in disappointment as he lost the men's 63.5kg final bout to Uzbekistan's Ruslan Abdullaev because of an injury in Amman on Saturday.

Thapa injured his right knee during the second round following which the referee consulted the doctor and ended the contest. Abdullaev, who led 5-0 after the first round, was declared winner with a RSC-I verdict. This was Thapa's sixth overall medal at the continental event.

Thapa. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Govind Sahani (48kg), Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg), Sumit Kundu (75kg) and Narender Berwal (+92kg) won bronze medals in this edition.

The Indian contingent claimed altogether 12 medals in the event.

MORALE-BOOSTER

We could inspire our football team in WC if we win: Buttler

Jos Buttler would look to win the T20 World Cup and inspire his footballing counterparts to pull off an encore in Doha next month. "Sport is such a huge part of English culture, and getting behind teams in World Cups is certainly something I know happens a lot."

DREAM COME TRUE

More excited than nervous, says Babar about the final

Pakistan captain Babar Azam is "more excited than nervous" as he stands on the cusp of emulating Imran Khan. "We've been working really hard for this. It feels like a dream come true to reach the final. We will try to maintain our momentum," said Babar.

IMPACT PLAYER

Buttler picks Suryakumar as his Player-of-the-tournament

England captain Jos Buttler on Saturday picked India's Suryakumar Yadav as his Player-of-the-tournament in the T20 World Cup. Buttler chose to go with Suryakumar, who made a massive impact for India in the showpiece with his consistency, coupled with a high strike-rate.

BILLIE JEAN CUP

Switzerland downs Canada, meets Czech Republic

Viktorija Golubic *(in pic)* upset Bianca Andreescu as Switzerland beat Canada 2-1 to win Group A of the Billie Jean King Cup in Glasgow on Friday. In the last-four it will take on Group D topper Czech Republic, which beat USA 2-1. In the other semifinal, Great Britain meets Australia.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Maninder and Shrikant shine as Warriors down Giants

Maninder Singh (12) and Shrikant Jadhav (10) took Bengal Warriors to a 46-27 victory over Gujarat Giants in the Pro Kabaddi League in Pune on Saturday. Surender Gill (13) starred in U.P. Yoddhas' 41-30 win over Telugu Titans while Jaipur Pink Panthers thrashed Dabang Delhi 57-32.

Pakistan looks to repeat the 1992 act and England seeks to flip the script

The two sides had clashed 30 years ago in the 50-over final at the MCG when Imran led the Asian powerhouse to its first World title

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

The sun seemed a marginal presence and there is forecast for rains and yet this Sunday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground could well be a leap back in time.

The rivals are the same – Pakistan and England – and at the same venue back in the 1992 50-over World Cup final, Imran Khan's men got past Graham Gooch's troops.

The Pakistani fans expect nothing less than a repeat act.

Meanwhile, England will try and avoid past mistakes and after having busted India's party, is itching to do the same to the neighbour across the Wagah border.

The ICC Twenty20 World Cup final pits rivals who have found a second wind while Group 1 and 2 toppers – New Zealand and India respectively – have retreated.

Busting the odds

In the league phase, Pakistan and England suffered gut-wrenching defeats, with the former succumbing to Zimbabwe and the latter collapsing against Ireland.

Yet when the business-end loomed, these two units have survived, busted the odds and now get one last tilt at the trophy. The greats, who battled in the 1992 summit clash, would be glued to their television sets.

Imran Khan, recovering from a gunshot wound in his legs, and Ian Botham, recuperating after knee replacement surgery, would be tracking the developments Down Under.

And the great Wasim Akram, who prised out England's heart back then, will be commentating from a studio even while being caught up with his memoir *Sultan*, co-authored with Gideon Haigh.

If immediate form is a barometer, then both Pakistan and England seem equal. Their semifinal exploits that deflated New Zealand and India, reveal that the finalists have peaked at the right time.

Much would depend on the opening thrust with England's skipper Jos Buttler and Alex Hales and Pakistan captain Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan expected to fire the initial salvos.

The middle-orders of the rival units have performed in fits and starts and Iftikhar Ahmed and Ben Stokes have to keep dishing out a good support-act.

However, England does bat deep and that offers some insurance against a Pakistani attack helmed by Shaheen Shah Afridi.

It is also a pointer to the spread of the sub-continental diaspora that England has in its ranks Moeen Ali and Adil Rashid with their Pakistani roots.

A lot would hinge on which Pakistani team would turn up in terms of its performance-traits that could either be a frustrating wallow in mediocrity or a glorious exposition of fearless cricket.

England too can straddle the worlds of diffidence or dominance, evident through its progress to the final.

With incisive speedsters, spinners capable of doing a holding job and mercurial batters, the rivals mirror each other.

Eye on the weather

An eye would be kept on the weather too with dark clouds rolling in. Even if a liquid intermission is inevitable, a minimum of 10 overs per side is required to constitute a full match in the knockout stage.

Plus there is a reserve day on Monday. With two strong outfits, moody skies and boisterous fans, you cannot ask for a more dramatic stage!

The teams (from):

Pakistan: Babar Azam (Capt.), Shadab Khan (Vice-Capt.), Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Iftikhar Ahmed, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Hasnain, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Mohammad Wasim, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Shan Masood.

England: Jos Buttler (Capt. & wk), Alex Hales, Harry Brook, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Moeen Ali, Chris Woakes, Adil Rashid, Liam Livingstone, Sam Curran, Tymal Mills, Mark Wood, David Willey, Chris Jordan and Dawid Malan.

Umpires: Marais Erasmus and Kumar Dharmasena; **TV umpire:** Chris Gaffaney; **Match referee:** Ranjan Madugalle.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m. IST.

Action Replay

It will be 1992 once more as Pakistan takes on England in a World Cup final at the iconic MCG on Sunday. The two had met in the 50-over summit clash 30 years ago when Imran Khan's 'Incredibles' lifted the trophy

FINAL Melbourne, 1.30 p.m. IST

Pakistan vs. England

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP AUSTRALIA 2022

H2H in T20Is

	M	Pakistan	England	NR
Overall	28	9	18	1
In World Cup	2	0	2	0
2009	England won by 48 runs (group stage), The Oval			
2010	England won by six wickets (group stage), Bridgetown			

THE 2022 EDITION

		Batting 1st		Batting 2nd	
	P	M	W	M	W
Pakistan	6	2	1	4	3
England	5	1	1	4	3

FORM GUIDE

(last five matches, latest game first)

Pakistan	W	W	W	W	L
England	W	W	W	L	W

- Pakistan and England played in a seven-match T20I bilateral series in Pakistan (Sept. 20 to Oct. 2). The Englishmen clinched the series 4-3, winning the last two games

AT THE MCG

- In the 17 (completed) T20Is at the ground, teams chasing have won on 10 occasions and sides defending seven times
- Pakistan has lost both its T20 matches at MCG (vs. Australia in 2010 and India in 2022 World Cup)
- England has suffered defeats in all its four games at the venue (vs. Australia in 2011, 2014, 2018 and Ireland in 2022 World Cup)

THE INFLUENCERS

PAKISTAN		ENGLAND
BATTING		
Rizwan (160, 6 inns)	Most runs	Hales (211, 5 inns)
Haris, Iftikhar (6 each)	Most sixes	Hales (10)
BOWLING		
Afridi, Shadab (10 each, 6 inns)	Most wickets	Curran (10, 5 inns)
Afridi 64 (off 138 deliveries)	Most dot balls	Curran 51 (off 112 deliveries)

THE T20 WORLD CUP FINALS: TOSS AND BEYOND

2007	**India** batted after winning the toss, **beat Pakistan by five runs**
2009	**Sri Lanka** elected to bat, **lost to Pakistan by eight wickets**
2010	**England** chose to field, **defeated Australia by seven wickets**
2012	**West Indies** took first strike, **beat Sri Lanka by 36 runs**
2014	**Sri Lanka** opted to chase, **defeated India by six wickets**
2016	**West Indies** decided to bat second, **beat England by four wickets**
2021	**Australia** fielded first, **defeated New Zealand by eight wickets**

Sri Lanka is the only team to have won the toss and lost a final in seven editions

Source: ESPNCRICINFO
Compiled by R. NARAYANAN & G. PRASAD

Rivals girded up to provide a fitting finale

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

Babar Azam would draw energy from the fans and some knowledge through history's notes.

"The fans give us confidence. We will try to give our 100% and make them smile," the Pakistan captain said ahead of Sunday's T20 World Cup final against England.

In the press conference at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here on Saturday, Babar admitted to the references to the 1992 World Cup final that pitted the same rivals.

"There are similarities and we will try to win the trophy as it is an honour for me to lead this team on this big ground."

Babar lauded his men for recovering from their opening two defeats: "Our team came back in the last four matches and performed very well and we will try to continue that momentum in the final on Sunday."

And as for England, he termed it a "good team with quality players."

Babar's counterpart Jos Buttler admitted to being excited about the summit-clash while also drawing inspiration from the tense 2019 50-over World Cup final at Lord's which Eoin Morgan's men won by the skin of their teeth against New Zealand.

Huge honour

"Anytime you play in a World Cup final is a huge honour and we are excited," he said and added: "We are reaping the rewards of Morgan's tenure and the changes that happened in our white-ball game."

Buttler lauded his rivals: "We are up against an excellent team. That's exactly what you expect in a World Cup final, and we need to prepare well and give the best account of ourselves."

The England skipper said he will watch the evolving fitness situation around Dawid Malan and Mark Wood. As for the rains, he said: "It is something we cannot control, and whatever does happen, we must be ready to go in."

Quo Vadis: Babar Azam and Jos Buttler with the trophy they are fighting for. GETTY IMAGES

Barclay re-elected ICC chairman, Jay Shah to head F&CA panel

Press Trust of India
MELBOURNE

New Zealand's Greg Barclay was on Saturday unanimously re-elected chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second two-year term.

Besides Barclay's re-election, BCCI secretary Jay Shah was elected head of the all-powerful Finance and Commercial Affairs (F&CA) committee. Barclay was unopposed following the withdrawal of Zimabwe's Tavengwa Mukuhlani from the process.

Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer, was originally appointed chairman in November 2020. He was previously the Chair of New Zealand Cricket.

He being elected unopposed also means that he had the backing of the BCCI in the 17-member board.

Shah will have the responsibility of heading ICC's most important committee. All the major financial policy decisions are taken by the F&CA committee before it is ratified by the ICC Board.

Sourav Ganguly will remain head of ICC's Cricket Committee.

WORLD CUP SQUADS FOR QATAR 2022

Son Heung-min was named in South Korea's squad on Saturday for the Qatar World Cup but it remains to be seen if he will play after a serious facial injury.

"We are in contact with him and Tottenham's medical department," said South Korea's Portuguese coach Paulo Bento as he named his squad.

The squads: SOUTH KOREA: Goalkeepers: Kim Seung-gyu, Song Bum-keun, Jo Hyeon-woo. **Defenders:** Kwon Kyung-won, Kim Moon-hwan, Kim Min-jae, Kim Young-gwon, Kim Jin-su, Kim Tae-hwan, Yoon Jong-gyu, Cho Yu-min, Hong Chul. **Midfielders:** Kwon Chang-hoon, Na Sang-ho, Paik Seung-ho, Lee Kang-in, Lee Jae-sung, Jeong Woo-yeong, Hwang In-beom, Hwang Hee-chan, Song Min-kyu, Son Jun-ho, Na Sang-ho. **Forwards:** Son Heung-min, Cho Gue-sung, Hwang Ui-jo.

QATAR: Goalkeepers: Saad Al-Sheeb, Meshaal Barsham, Yousef Hassan. **Defenders:** Pedro Miguel, Musab Khoder, Tarek Salman, Bassam Al-Rawi, Boualem Khoukhi, Abdelkarim Hassan, Ismaeel Mohammad, Homam Ahmed. **Midfielders:** Jassem Gaber, Ali Asad, Assim Madibo, Mohammed Waad, Salem Al-Hajri, Mostafa Tarek Mashaal, Karim Boudiaf, Abdulaziz Hatem. **Forwards:** Naif Al-Hadhrami, Ahmed Alaaeldin, Hassan Al-Haydos, Akram Afif, Almoez Ali, Mohammed Muntari, Khalid Muneer Mazeed.

COSTA RICA: Goalkeepers: Keylor Navas, Esteban Alvarado, Patrick Sequeira. **Defenders:** Francisco Calvo, Juan Pablo Vargas, Kendall Waston, Oscar Duarte, Daniel Chacon, Keysher Fuller, Carlos Martinez, Bryan Oviedo, Ronald Matarrita. **Midfielders:** Yeltsin Tejeda, Celso Borges, Youstin Salas, Roan Wilson, Gerson Torres, Douglas Lopez, Jewisson Bennette, Alvaro Zamora, Anthony Hernandez, Brandon Aguilera, Bryan Ruiz. **Forwards:** Joel Campbell, Anthony Contreras, Johan Venegas.

INBRIEF

Mehuli wins air rifle gold as Indian shooters strike it rich

Mehuli Ghosh beat Cho Eunyoung of Korea 16-12 to clinch the women's air rifle gold in the Asian airgun championship in Daegu, Korea, on Saturday. Mehuli had qualified in the second place behind Keum Jihyeon of Korea. In the second stage, Mehuli inched closer to Cho Eunyoung but qualified for the gold medal match in the second place, 1.4 behind the Korean.

The results: Air rifle: Women: 1. Mehuli Ghosh 16 (261.1 (632.5), 2. Cho Eunyoung (Kor) 12 (262.5) 628.6, 3. Alexandra Le (Kaz) 259.4 (628.4); 6. Elavenil Valarivan 207.3 (627.5); 7. Meghana Sajjanar 154.9 (627.5).
Junior women: 1. Tilottama Sen 17 (260.4) 629.9, 2. Nancy 11 (261.4) 632.3, 3. Misaki Nobata (Jpn) 259.4 (630.0).
Youth women: 1. Yukthi Rajendra 16 (260.5) 628.3, 2. Gautami Bhanot 14 (261.1) 631.0, 3. Hazel 259.6 (625.6).
Team: 1. India (Yukthi, Hazel, Gautami) 16 (626.3) 936.4, 2. Korea (Go Yedam, Park Yeeun, Bae Seoyoung) 6 (624.6) 941.7, 3. Bangladesh 17 (612.8) 919.3.
Youth men: 1. Parth Mane 16 (259.5) 623.0, 2. Ha Semin 0 (258.9) 617.9, 3. Javohir Sokhobov (Uzb) 258.6 (623.6); 4. Sheersh Kashyap 258.4 (624.7), 5. Abhinav Shaw 206.4 (620.3).
Team: 1. India (Abhinav, Sheersh, Parth) 16 (624.8) 936.7, 2. Korea (Kim Taegyeong, Lee Junhwan, Ha Semin) 8 (623.5) 933.3.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 a.m.
Men's T20 World Cup: (final): Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m. onwards
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
ATP Finals: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 p.m. onwards
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 3, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards
Bundesliga: Sony Sports 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 10 p.m.
Formula 1: Brazilian GP, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 11.30 p.m.

Lalit Yadav the star in Delhi's five-wicket win over Vidarbha

Karnataka rides on Shreyas' all-round show to defeat Meghalaya; Samarth and Pandey chip in with useful knocks

HAZARE TROPHY

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Lalit Yadav's superb all-round show enabled Delhi post a five-wicket win over Vidarbha in the Elite Group-B Vijay Hazare Trophy match at the 22 Yards Academy ground here on Saturday.

Lalit picked up an important wicket after Delhi, electing to field, bundled out Vidarbha for 207.

Fluent knock: Shreyas' 76-ball 64 contained three fours and two sixes. FILE PHOTO: SUDHAKARA JAIN

Batting with purpose

Later, he batted with purpose to score an unbeaten 56 (73b, 4x4, 2x6) to take Delhi home.

On a pitch providing good bounce, Delhi's experienced pacers, including Ishant Sharma, Navdeep Saini and Pradeep Sangwan, worked to a plan. Saini provided the breakthrough in the 10th over by castling opener Atharva Taide (20, 36b, 4x4).

Lalit chipped in by removing a well-set Faiz Fazal, but Ganesh Satish (45, 74b, 5x4) and Akshay Wadkar (29, 38b, 3x4, 1x6) added 63 runs. Apoorv Wankhede (37, 47b, 1x4) was keen to rebuild the innings, but could not find a partner.

Trademark shots

In reply, Shikhar Dhawan (47, 64b, 5x4, 1x6) showcased his trademark shots to add 49 with Himmat Singh (11, 38b) and then 62 with Yash Dhull (37, 27b, 5x4, 1x6), who impressed with his exceptional placement.

Left-arm spinner Aditya Sarvate removed Dhawan and Dhull in the 22nd over and Umesh Yadav sent back Nitish Rana in the next over as Vidarbha put up a fight.

Lalit and wicketkeeper-batter Lakshay Thareja (19 n.o., 42b, 1x4) batted bravely, taking some nasty blows on their heads, to forge a defiant match-winning 65-run partnership.

At the CCFC ground, Karnataka rode on Shreyas Gopal's fine all-round performance to post a convincing 115-run win over Meghalaya.

Following useful knocks from R. Samarth (46, 82b, 6x4) and Manish Pandey (36, 43b, 2x4, 1x6), Shreyas scored an important half-century (64, 76b, 3x4, 2x6) and was involved in a few significant partnerships to help Karnataka post 259 in 50 overs.

Shreyas then picked up the wickets of three middle-order batters to make it a one-sided affair.

SATURDAY'S HAZARE TROPHY SCORES

Group-A: At New Delhi: Gujarat 337/6 in 50 overs (Priyank Panchal 136, Bhargav Merai 56, Saurav Chauhan 64) bt Manipur 185/9 in 50 overs (Langlonyamba Meitan Keishangbam 45, Johnson Singh 41).

Chandigarh 215/9 in 50 overs (Jagjit Singh Sandhu 47) lost to Saurashtra 216/3 in 44.1 overs (Harvik Desai 68, Samarth Vyas 61).

Uttar Pradesh 242 in 50 overs (Rinku Singh 82, Rana Datta 4/51) bt Tripura 159 in 40.3 overs (Bikram Kumar Das 51).

Hyderabad 360/3 in 50 overs (K. Rohit Rayudu 156, Tilak Varma 132 n.o.) bt Himachal Pradesh 335/9 in 48 overs (Prashant Chopra 70, Amit Kumar 103, Rishi Dhawan 45).

Group-B: At Kolkata: Karnataka 259 in 50 overs (R. Samarth 46, Shreyas Gopal 64) bt Meghalaya 144 in 46 overs.

Jharkhand 309/3 in 50 overs (Md. Nazim 43, Utkarsh Singh 52, Virat Singh 75, Saurabh Tiwary 63 n.o., Kumar Deobrat 51 n.o.) bt Sikkim 116 in 40.1 overs (Rahul Shukla 5/19).

Assam 271 in 46.5 overs (Riyan Parag 117) bt Rajasthan 128 in 33.3 overs (Abhijeet Tomar 59).

Vidarbha 207 in 47.2 overs (Ganesh Satish 45) lost to Delhi 208/5 in 44.5 overs (Shikhar Dhawan 47, Lalit Yadav 56 n.o.).

Group-C: At Bengaluru: Chhattisgarh 137/4 in 21 overs (Akhil Herwadkar 71, Harpreet Singh 50) vs. Arunachal Pradesh 35/2 in 8.1 overs. Match abandoned.

Andhra 96/1 in 21 overs (Ashwin Hebbar 42 n.o.) vs. Goa. Match abandoned.

Tamil Nadu 106/2 in 17.1 overs (B. Sai Sudharsan 49) vs. Bihar. Match abandoned.

Kerala 44/2 in 14 overs vs. Haryana. Match abandoned.

Group-D: At Mumbai: Madhya Pradesh 342/9 in 50 overs (Yash Dubey 121, Abhishek Bhandari 74, Rajat Patidar 62) lost to Jammu & Kashmir 346/8 in 49.2 overs (Vivrant Sharma 69, Henan Nazir 68, Abdul Samad 66, Abid Mushtaq 42).

Odisha 178 in 44.2 overs (Anshuman Rath 51, Subhransu Senapati 60, Himanshu Bisht 4/26) lost to Uttarakhand 179/6 in 42 overs (Swapnil Singh 48, Dikshanshu Negi 80 n.o.).

Baroda 259 in 50 overs (Atit Sheth 87, Akash Singh 5/38) bt Nagaland 92 in 30.3 overs.

Group-E: At Ranchi: Railways 218/8 in 50 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 46, Karn Sharma 40) lost to Maharashtra 219/3 in 38.2 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 124 n.o., Rahul Tripathi 75).

Mizoram 156/8 in 50 overs (Shreevats Goswami 63, Vikash Kumar 41) lost to Pondicherry 158/3 in 29.4 overs (Ragu 47, K.B. Arun Karthick 59 n.o.).

Bengal 121 in 31.3 overs (Manoj Tiwary 47, Tanush Kotian 4/31) lost to Mumbai 123/2 in 30.2 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 59 n.o.).

Sunday's schedule: Group A (Delhi): Manipur vs.Saurashtra; Himachal Pradesh vs. Uttar Pradesh; Chandigarh vs. Gujarat; Hyderabad vs. Tripura.

Group B (Kolkata): Rajasthan vs. Sikkim; Karnataka vs. Vidarbha; Assam vs. Jharkhand; Delhi vs. Meghalaya.

Group C (Bengaluru): Arunachal Pradesh vs. Kerala; Andhra vs. Tamil Nadu; Chhattisgarh vs. Haryana; Bihar vs. Goa.

Group D (Mumbai): Baroda vs. Jammu & Kashmir; Punjab vs. Uttarakhand; Nagaland vs. Odisha.

Group E (Ranchi): Mumbai vs. Services; Bengal vs. Mizoram; Pondicherry vs. Railways.

Japan claims blind football Asian title

Sports Bureau
KOCHI

Japan defeated India by a lone goal to win the first IBSA Blind Football Asian women's title at the United Sports Centre, Kakkanad, in Kochi on Saturday. Siro Kikushima scored the winner.

The Asian women's championship was a two-team event and Japan, which won both its matches, emerged champion with India finishing runner-up.

Both have qualified for next year's World Championship in Birmingham. Kikushima, who netted two goals on Friday, was the only goalscorer at the event.

Sao Paulo GP pole for Magnussen

Agence France-Presse
SAO PAULO

Kevin Magnussen took full advantage of dramatically changing wet conditions to secure a sensational maiden pole position on his 100th Formula One appearance for the Haas team in Friday's qualifying for this weekend's Sao Paulo Grand Prix.

As heavy rain descended on the Interlagos circuit, the final Q3 session ended in euphoric uproar with the popular and modest 30-year-old Dane sitting in his car celebrating while the clock ran down.

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